

JOINT DECLARATION ON THE COMPLETE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL
AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS

MENDOZA AGREEMENT

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE,
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL,

CONVINCED THAT THE COMPLETE BANNING OF CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS WILL
CONTRIBUTE TO THE STRENGTHENING OF THE SECURITY OF ALL STATES,

DETERMINED TO CONSOLIDATE THE REGION AS AN AREA OF PEACE AND COOPERATION FREE
FROM THE SCOURGE OF THESE WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION,

CONFIRMING THE RESPECTIVE UNILATERAL DECLARATIONS ON NON-POSSESSION OF
CHEMICAL WEAPONS OPPORTUNELY MADE BY THE THREE COUNTRIES,

AGREEING ON THE NEED TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF SUCH WEAPONS THROUGH A
MULTILATERAL CONVENTION CURRENTLY UNDER NEGOTIATION AT THE DISARMAMENT
CONFERENCE WHICH WILL COMPLETELY PROHIBIT CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND THEIR
PRODUCTION INSTALLATIONS, AND URGING ALL STATES PRODUCING OR POSSESSING SUCH
WEAPONS TO ACCEDE TO IT,

CONTRIBUTING TO THE CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES DECIDED ON BY THE
STATES PARTIES TO THE 1972 CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT,
PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) AND TOXIN WEAPONS
AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION, WHOSE THIRD REVIEW CONFERENCE IS TO BE HELD IN
GENEVA FROM 9 TO 27 SEPTEMBER NEXT,

HEREBY DECLARE THE FOLLOWING:

1. THEIR FULL UNDERTAKING NOT TO DEVELOP, NOT TO PRODUCE, NOT TO ACQUIRE IN
ANY WAY, NOT TO STOCKPILE OR RETAIN, NOT TO TRANSFER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY,
AND NOT TO USE CHEMICAL OR BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS;
2. UNTIL THE FUTURE CONVENTION ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS ENTERS INTO FORCE, THEY
DECLARE THEIR DETERMINATION TO STUDY IN ADVANCE AND JOINTLY ANALYSE ALL
MECHANISMS NECESSARY TO ENSURE FULFILMENT OF THE UNDERTAKING MADE;
3. UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE ABOVE-MENTIONED CONVENTION ENTERS INTO FORCE, AND
IN CONFORMITY WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW, THEIR INTENTION TO ESTABLISH IN THEIR
RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES THE APPROPRIATE INSPECTION MECHANISMS FOR THOSE
SUBSTANCES DEFINED AS PRECURSORS OF CHEMICAL WARFARE AGENTS;
4. THEIR DETERMINATION TO COOPERATE CLOSELY IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE
CONCLUSION OF A MULTILATERAL CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS
AND TO SIGN IT SIMULTANEOUSLY AS ORIGINAL PARTIES;
5. THEIR RIGHT TO USE ALL PEACEFUL CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS FOR
THE ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOR THE WELFARE OF THEIR
PEOPLES;