

VIII. THE ORGANIZATION 1/

A. General Provisions

1. The States Parties to the Convention hereby establish the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, to achieve the objectives of the Convention, to ensure the implementation of its provisions, including those for international verification of compliance with it, and to provide a forum for consultation and co-operation among States Parties. 2/
2. All States Parties to the Convention shall be members of the Organization.
3. The seat of the headquarters of the Organization shall be ...
4. There are hereby established as the organs of the Organization the Conference of the States Parties 3/, the Executive Council and the Technical Secretariat.

B. Conference of the States Parties

(a) Composition, procedure and decision-making

1. The Conference of the State Parties shall be composed of all the States Parties to this Convention. Each State Party to the Convention shall have one representative in the Conference of the States Parties, who may be accompanied by alternates and advisers.
2. The first session of the Conference of the States Parties shall be convened by the Depository at (venue) not later than 30 days after the entry into force of the Convention.
3. The Conference of the States Parties shall meet in regular sessions which should be held annually unless it decides otherwise. It shall meet in special sessions, as the Conference of the States Parties may decide, at the request of the Executive Council or at the request of any State Party supported by [8-10] 4/ [one third of] the States Parties. When necessary a special session shall be convened at short notice.

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1/ One delegation has expressed reservations with regard to the approach being given to the concept of an Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, or any other similar solution for this purpose, and has expressed the view that before proceeding further in the examination of this question, there is a need to define the principles that will govern the financing of such an Organization.

2/ A view was expressed that the achievement of these objectives should be sought in close co-operation with the United Nations.

3/ A view was expressed that the designation of this highest organ, to which many references are made throughout the text, should be determined only after further consideration of other provisions of the Convention and that, in this connection, the possibility of using the designation "the General Conference" may also be considered.

4/ A view was expressed that a smaller number of States Parties supporting such a request could also be sufficient.