

## ELIMINATION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS PRODUCTION FACILITIES

9. (An undertaking by each State Party possessing chemical weapons production facilities) to cease all activities at its chemical weapons production facilities relating to the production of chemical weapons, immediately after the Convention's entry into force for it, and to close each production facility not later than ...<sup>1/</sup> after the Convention's entry into force for it, in a manner that renders it inoperable for chemical weapons production.
10. (An undertaking by each State Party possessing chemical weapons production facilities) to eliminate through destruction or dismantling,<sup>2/</sup> the chemical weapons production facilities under its jurisdiction or control in accordance with the Principles for the Elimination of Chemical Weapons Production Facilities laid down in Annex V.
11. The elimination shall commence within ... months and be completed as soon as possible and in any case not later than 10 years after the Convention's entry into force for a State Party.
12. In implementing the provisions of this article all necessary safety precautions shall be observed to protect populations and the environment.
13. (An undertaking by State Parties) not in any way to acquire any new chemical weapons production facilities.<sup>3/</sup>
14. (An undertaking by States Parties possessing chemical weapons production facilities) to facilitate and not to hinder in any way the application of the Principles and Methods for the Verification of the Closure and Elimination of Chemical Weapons Production Facilities, laid down in Annex V.

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<sup>1/</sup> Some delegations expressed the view that ceasing of production and closing of production facilities should be simultaneous. However, other delegations had doubts about the feasibility of this from the point of view of verification of the closure as well as from the point of view of possible temporary conversions of such facilities into facilities for destruction of chemical weapons.

<sup>2/</sup> The view was expressed, that pending the definition of chemical weapons production facilities, the possibility for other ways of elimination should be kept open.

<sup>3/</sup> Some delegations did not consider this paragraph necessary.