

declarations do not purport to exclude or to modify the legal effect of the provisions of this Convention in their application to that State.

- or alternatively -

This Convention shall not be subject to reservations.

Possible wording for Article XV:

1. Signature.

This Convention shall be open for signature to all States until [its entry into force] [date] [indefinitely] at (venue).

2. Ratification.

This Convention [and its Annexes, which form an integral part thereof] 1/ shall be subject to ratification by signatories according to their constitutional processes.

3. Accession.

Any State which does not sign the Convention [before its entry into force] [date] may accede to it at any time. 2/

4. Deposit of instruments of ratification or accession.

Instruments of ratification and instruments of accession shall be deposited with the [Depositary] [Secretary-General of the United Nations, hereby designated as the Depositary].

5. Entry into force.

(a) This Convention shall enter into force [... days after the date of] [upon] the deposit of the [60th] [40th] instrument of ratification [or accession];

(b) For States whose instruments of ratification or accession are deposited subsequent to the entry into force of this Convention, it shall enter into force on the [...th day following the] date of the deposit of their instruments of ratification or accession. 3/

1/ See paragraph 1 in the Note above.

2/ One delegation expressed a view that accession would not be necessary.

3/ It is to be discussed further how to ensure that all "chemical weapons possessing" and "chemical weapons capable" States be among those States whose ratification would be required for the Convention to enter into force.