

C. Report of the Co-ordinator of the Contact Group on Destruction, Diversion, Dismantling and Conversion

The Contact Group on Element V. held three meetings. The Group reviewed the report presented by its Co-ordinator at the end of the 1982 Session, and which appears as an annex to document CD/334.

In the course of the review, the Group attempted to determine whether there had been changes in positions as recorded in that report, and also endeavoured to refine and clarify concepts and formulations relevant to Element V.

As a result of the discussions in the Contact Group and individual consultations held by the Co-ordinator, the latter prepared a revised version of his previous report, which was considered by the Contact Group to reflect the work undertaken in its 1983 meetings. The revised report of the Co-ordinator appears below.

A - Agreed subelements which apply both to destruction of stocks and to destruction of facilities and which could be incorporated into a separate Article in the Convention:

(a) obligation to utilize safe methods of destruction that will avoid harm to the environment and to populations;

(b) provision on international co-operation to facilitate implementation of the Convention regarding destruction of stocks and facilities.*

B - DESTRUCTION OF STOCKS

I - ARTICLE - Agreed subelements to be included:

(a) general obligation to destroy all existing stocks of chemical weapons; **

(b) possibility of diversion of stocks of chemicals for permitted *** purposes, subject to conditions and circumstances set forth in the Annex;

(c) provision on the possibility of transfer of chemical weapons to another State Party for the purpose of destruction; ****

* / It was suggested that the Element on the functions of the Consultative Committee contain adequate mention of such co-operation.

** / Suggested addition: "This includes all items defined as 'chemical weapons', including all types of precursors". If under the Element "Definitions" all precursors fall within the definition of chemical weapons, this addition would render unnecessary the proposed subelement (a) for the Article.

*** / It was noted that the term "permitted" needs to be further clarified and that a suitable definition must be found.

**** / It was suggested that provision be made for the possibility of transfer of old stocks, whose existence on the territory of a Party is not known at the time of the entry into force of the Convention, to another State Party for destruction, as well as for the possibility of on-site destruction of such old stocks (see Element IV).