

confidence building in the early part of the elimination stage, gradual acquisition of experience in the course of destroying chemical weapons stocks and applicability irrespective of the actual composition of the stockpiles and the methods chosen for the elimination of the chemical weapons.<sup>2</sup> The elimination of chemical weapons stocks shall start for all States Parties possessing chemical weapons simultaneously. The whole elimination stage shall be divided into nine annual periods.

3. Each State Party shall eliminate not less than one-ninth of its stockpile [in measure of stockpile equivalent and/or equivalent mustard weight] during each elimination period. 1/ 2/ However, a State Party is not precluded from eliminating its stocks at a faster pace. Each State Party shall determine its detailed plans for each elimination period, as specified in part III of this Annex and shall report annually on the implementation of each elimination period. 3/

4. Order of Elimination (to be elaborated). 4/

### III. Plans for elimination of chemical weapons

#### A. General Plans for elimination of chemical weapons

##### 1. General Plan for destruction of chemical weapons

The general plan for destruction of chemical weapons, submitted pursuant to article ... shall specify:

(a) a general schedule for destruction, giving types and quantities of chemical weapons to be destroyed in each period;

(b) for each existing or planned CW destruction facility:

- ["name" and address]

- [location]

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1/ It is considered necessary to elaborate a method for comparing different categories of chemical weapons stocks. The comparison of lethal and harmful chemicals remains unresolved and is subject to further consideration.

2/ Some delegations expressed the view that the question of the regulation of the elimination of stockpiles needs further and full discussion.

3/ It has been recognized that the elimination of chemical weapons stocks and the elimination of relevant production facilities should be considered together.

4/ Some delegations feel that it would be appropriate to introduce the idea of security stockpile levels to meet the security concerns of countries with small stockpiles of chemical weapons.