

PREFACE

This paper was first published in April 1989 for distribution to Canadian Government agencies in order to promote discussion concerning the preparations they may need to make to implement a Chemical Weapons Convention. The authors were aware of efforts already underway to extend the discussion to include representatives of national industry, and it would appear to follow that early consideration should be given to the participation of representatives of national industry on a committee concerned with preparations for treaty implementation.

Written by a consultant from the University of Saskatchewan in conjunction with the Verification Research Unit of External Affairs and International Trade Canada, the paper's conclusions and recommendations do not necessarily reflect the views of the Canadian Government as they currently exist or as they will eventually materialize from the consultative process. In particular, the final division of responsibilities among Government agencies may differ somewhat from that represented in the paper.

It was suggested that the material contained herein might be useful to other States interested in the early entry into force and implementation of a Chemical Weapons Convention, and so the paper has been approved for wider distribution with the same purpose of promoting discussion.