

ANNEX IV

Elements which may be included in a provision of the convention concerning the prohibition of retention or acquisition of a chemical warfare capability enabling use of chemical weapons.

Each State Party to this Convention undertakes not to acquire or retain a chemical warfare capability, constituted by one or many activities, facilities and materials or their combinations, as specified in Annex X ^{*/}, intended to enable a Party to use chemical weapons containing chemical warfare agents, whether gaseous, liquid or solid, or precursors to such chemical warfare agents, effective because of their direct toxic properties, on man, animal or plant, for hostile purposes or in armed conflict.

Corresponding activities, facilities and materials intended for use of chemical substances for peaceful purposes, or for the medical or physical protection of a State Party's military forces and civilian population against chemical weapons, are not covered by this convention, unless specifically stated.

^{*/} See Annex III for examples of activities, facilities and materials suggested to be covered. Some of the expressions have to be further defined.