

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ON DESTRUCTION
AND NON-PRODUCTION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND ON MEASURES
TO FACILITATE THE MULTILATERAL CONVENTION ON BANNING
CHEMICAL WEAPONS

The United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

Determined to make every effort to conclude and to bring into force at the earliest date a convention providing for a global ban on the development, production, stockpiling and use of chemical weapons and on their destruction, hereinafter referred to as "the multilateral convention",

Aware of their special responsibility in the area of chemical weapons disarmament,

Desiring to halt the production of chemical weapons and to begin the destruction of the preponderance of their chemical weapons stockpiles, without waiting for the multilateral convention to enter into force,

Recalling the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics Regarding a Bilateral Verification Experiment and Data Exchange Related to Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, signed at Jackson Hole, Wyoming on 23 September 1989, hereinafter referred to as "the Memorandum",

Recalling the bilateral commitment to co-operate with respect to the destruction of chemical weapons, contained in the joint statement on chemical weapons issued at Jackson Hole, Wyoming on 23 September 1989, and

Mindful of the efforts of each Party aimed at the destruction of chemical weapons and desiring to co-operate in this area,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

GENERAL PROVISIONS AND AREAS OF CO-OPERATION

1. In accordance with provisions of this Agreement, the Parties undertake:
 - (a) to co-operate regarding methods and technologies for the safe and efficient destruction of chemical weapons;
 - (b) not to produce chemical weapons;
 - (c) to reduce their chemical weapons stockpiles to equal, low levels;
 - (d) to co-operate in developing, testing, and carrying out appropriate inspection procedures; and
 - (e) to adopt practical measures to encourage all chemical weapons-capable States to become parties to the multilateral convention.