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Some delegations felt that all the definitions should be included in the main body of a convention and not in an annex. However the technical details such as those related to methods for toxicity determinations should remain in the annex.
Some delegations suggested that chemical weapons should be understood to include certain chemical substances which, even if they are not toxic in nature could be employed as chemical weapons, for instance, psychochemicals and herbicides. Others saw great practical difficulties in this proposal.

- Some delegations considered that the general purpose criterion was not made sufficiently clear in this element. In their view the definition of chemical weapons should be formulated so as to state that these weapons include all kinds of chemical warfare agents whose toxic properties can be used for hostile purposes to cauce death, injury or harm to human beings, animals and plant life.