

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS AND CRITERIA

For the purposes of this Convention:

1. The term "Chemical Weapons" shall apply to the following, together or separately:

(a) Toxic chemicals and their precursors, except where intended for purposes not prohibited under the Convention, as long as the types and quantities involved are consistent with such purposes;

(b) Munitions and devices, specifically designed to cause death or other harm through the toxic properties of those toxic chemicals, as referred to above, which would be released as a result of the employment of such munitions and devices; or

(c) Any equipment specifically designed for use directly in connection with the employment of such munitions or devices specified in subparagraph (b) of this paragraph.

2. The term "Chemical Weapons" shall not apply to the following:

(a) Other toxic munitions and devices as specified in paragraph 3 of this Article;

(b) Chemicals that are not lethal chemicals and are used by a State Party for domestic law enforcement or riot control purposes, such as agents CS (O-chlorobenzylidene malononitrile), CN (2-chloroacetophenone) and CR (dibenz (b,f) (1,4) oxazepine); or

(c) Herbicides, as long as they are used as such.

3. "Other toxic munitions and devices" means munitions and devices specifically designed to cause death or other harm through the properties of toxic chemicals that would be released as a result of the employment of such munitions or devices that have been:

(a) Produced before 1925;

(b) Accidentally recovered from ocean dump sites; or

(c) Found by a State Party on its territory or in any other place under its jurisdiction or control, abandoned by another State or by another person or persons between 1925 and the date of the entry into force of the Convention.

4. "Toxic Chemical" means:

Any chemical which through its chemical action on life processes can cause death, temporary incapacitation or permanent harm to humans or animals. This includes all such chemicals, regardless of their origin or method of production. Toxic chemicals of special relevance are specified in Schedules contained in the Annex on Chemicals.