

- due to the chemical properties and toxicodynamics of a certain compound, symptoms of poisoning can manifest themselves immediately as well as after a shorter or longer time interval;
- as far as the direct and indirect action and the effect on all living structures is concerned, we are of the opinion that no additional comment is necessary.

All proposals for the definition that have appeared since 1976 until the present have not, in our opinion, offered the elements that would require substantial modifications or amendment of our definition of chemical warfare agents. We, therefore, thought it appropriate to pronounce it once again in the Committee on Disarmament.