ARTICLE II

DEFINITIONS AND CRITERIA

For the purposes of this Convention:

1. 1/ The term "Chemical Weapons" shall apply to the following, together or separately: 2/

(a) Toxic chemicals [, including super-toxic lethal chemicals, other lethal chemicals and harmful chemicals], and their precursors [(including key precursors and key components of binary and/or multicomponent chemical systems for chemical weapons),][as well as other chemicals intended to enhance the effect of the use of those weapons,] except such chemicals 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;

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

[The term "Chemical Weapons" shall not apply to those chemicals which are not super-toxic lethal, or other lethal chemicals and which are approved by the Conference of the States Parties for use by a Party for domestic law enforcement and domestic riot control purposes.]

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1/ The definitions of chemical weapons are presented on the understanding that problems related to irritants used for law enforcement and riot control, and also to chemicals intended to enhance the effect of the use of chemical weapons if their inclusion in the Convention is agreed could be handled outside the definitions of chemical weapons if this will result in a more clear and understandable definition. Preliminary suggestions to solve these problems are given below and consultations on them will be continued.

2/ One delegation expressed its reservation on the present formulation of the definition of chemical weapons and on the terminology used in (a) that failed to reflect the general purpose criterion.