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#### Security stocks: proposed amendments

The following proposals, to be inserted in the "rolling text" of the draft convention (CD/795), follow the existing pattern of this text. The general prohibition of chemical weapons remains the rule, security stocks constituting one element in the transitional 10-year régime corresponding to the first phase of implementation of the Convention. They represent an option which each State party to the future agreement will be free to endorse.

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#### ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS ON SCOPE

Add a paragraph 7:

"These provisions shall not affect the specific, transitional rules relating to the security stock."

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#### ANNEX TO ARTICLE I. PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SECURITY STOCK

##### 1. Objectives

The States Parties recognize the need for each of them to ensure its security during the transitional phase of destruction of stocks of chemical weapons.

To this end,

(1) Each country, if it so desires, may, during the first eight years after the entry into force of the Convention, hold under international control a limited stock of chemical weapons known in the text of the present Convention as a "security stock".

(2) This security stock shall be destroyed under international control not later than during the ninth or tenth year after the entry into force of the Convention, the commitment to such destruction being made by each