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The convention must immediately put an end to the development and production of any type of chemical weapon, and in accordance with its stipulations all the existing stockpiles should be eliminated by the end of a 10-year destruction period. That is why we, as well as a number of other delegations, consider that the idea of creating so-called security stocks, and even the possible continuation of chemical weapon production after the convention enters into force, are incompatible with the spirit and objectives of the future convention on the complete prohibition and elimination of chemical weapons.

In my previous statements I have tried to clarify the essence of our proposal, according to which the order of elimination of chemical weapons should be determined by comparing chemicals on the basis of their mass within categories which include on a scale of like association. Such an order solves the problem of the destruction of chemicals on the subject of destruction, including both chemical and biological agents of different categories and methods, devices and equipment. This approach also automatically settles the problem of what should be eliminated first - chemical weapons or biological devices and equipment - since they are all subject to parallel and simultaneous destruction. Therefore the suggested order provides that each state party to the convention possessing chemical weapons should in each destruction period destroy no less than a fixed percentage of the category of the chemicals.

It must be understood that in this connection the comparison of all chemical weapons should be made on the basis of their mass, which includes the mass of chemicals without taking into account their properties and method of filling or over-arranged. In our opinion, not all super-toxic lethal chemicals are comparable. Therefore such an approach could considerably complicate work on elaborating the order of destruction of chemical weapon stockpiles.

In formulating our proposal, we proceed from the main principle of unfinished security of all States during the entire destruction period.