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3.   In an effort to meet the concerns expressed with regard to maintaining security during the 10-year destruction phase, also in view of existing disparities in chemical weapon arsenals, the following approach is suggested:

I.   In accordance with Article I, paragraph 1, and Article V, paragraphs 2 and 3 the production of chemical weapons shall cease immediately upon entry into force of the Convention.

II.   In accordance with Article IV, paragraph 8 and Article V, paragraph 10, as well as the relevant parts of the Annexes to these Articles, all chemical weapons storage sites as well as all chemical weapons production facilities shall be subjected to systematic international on-site verification.

III. For the purpose of destruction, the categorization developed in the Chairman's paper in Appendix II of CD/795 shall apply. Within each of the three categories a States Party shall determine on its own its detailed plans for each annual period of the destruction process.

IV.   In a first phase the States Parties possessing the largest stocks of chemical weapons shall proceed with the destruction of their CW stocks until an agreed level is reached.

For the practical implementation of this basic undertaking the following provisions shall apply:

-    for the purpose of the Convention States Parties with large stocks shall be considered to be those States Parties which possess more than [...] tons of chemical weapons agents regardless of whether these agents are in bulk or filled in munitions or other devices;

-    the initial reduction period devoted to the reduction of the chemical weapon stocks of the States Parties with large stocks shall comprise [five] years from the entry into force of the Convention;

-    the reduction in the existing large stocks shall start not later than one year after the entry into force of the Convention;

-    at the end of this [five] year period equal levels with regard to the remaining [...] tons of chemical weapon agents shall be achieved by all States Parties with large stocks;

-    without prejudice to the actual start in the reductions the five annual reduction amounts shall be calculated according to the following formula:

$$X = \frac{A1 - A2}{5} \quad 2/$$