

AGREED STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET
SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ON DESTRUCTION AND NON-PRODUCTION
OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND ON MEASURES TO FACILITATE THE
MULTILATERAL CONVENTION ON BANNING CHEMICAL WEAPONS

Paragraph 2 of Article VI of the Agreement stipulates that, "Upon signature of this Agreement, the Parties shall enter into consultations with other participants in the multilateral negotiations and shall propose that a special conference of States parties to the multilateral convention be held at the end of the eighth year after its entry into force. This special conference would, inter alia, determine, in accordance with agreed procedures, whether the participation in the multilateral convention is sufficient for proceeding to the total elimination of all remaining chemical weapons stocks over the subsequent two years".

In this connection, the Parties agree that an affirmative decision would require the agreement of a majority of the States parties that attend the special conference, with such majority including those States parties attending the special conference that had taken the following three steps:

- (a) presented officially and publicly, before 31 December 1991, before the Conference on Disarmament, a written declaration that they were at the time of that declaration in possession of chemical weapons;
- (b) signed the multilateral convention within 30 days after it was opened for signature; and
- (c) became a party to the multilateral convention by no later than one year after its entry into force.