

B. The elaboration of Principles for the Order of Elimination is in a very early stage of the negotiations. The preliminary approach has so far been based on the following:

- that the entire elimination stage be divided into x number of elimination periods,
- that the chemical weapons to be eliminated be divided into groups,
- that certain percentages of the initial aggregate amount of each group of chemical weapons be eliminated during each elimination period, and
- that methods for comparing stockpiles of different composition be elaborated.

This approach could be illustrated as follows:

	Elimination period		
	I	II	III
Group of chemical weapons	1 - 4 years after entry into force	4 - 7 years after entry into force	7 - 10 years after entry into force
Group A	40%	30%	30%
Group B	40%	30%	30%
Group C	100%	0%	0%
Group D	30%	40%	30%
Group E	30%	30%	40%

(It should be noted that the number and length of the elimination periods, the various percentages and the number of Groups are intended only as examples.)