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Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical WeaponsUNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELANDIdentification of Chemical Substances

In March 1986 the Delegation of Canada to the Conference on Disarmament tabled CD/679 on the Identification of Chemical Substances. In this paper it was suggested that specific chemicals of relevance to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) be identified not only by the nomenclature of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) and in terms of their structural formulae but also by means of their Chemical Abstracts (CAS) registry numbers. In this system each chemical entity is assigned a unique CAS registry number. Thus staff of the Technical Secretariat and others responsible for administering the Convention would be able to refer unambiguously to particular substances.

During negotiations of the 1986 session of the CD it was agreed that the CAS registry numbers be incorporated into the Schedules of Article VI. Owing to the fact that some of the specific chemicals on the Schedules exist in more than one stereoisomeric form the United Kingdom suggested that, where assigned, the CAS registry number be stated for each form. This proposal was introduced subsequently as a footnote to Schedule [I].

The Annex to this paper lists for substances in Schedule [I] the CAS registry numbers of the stereoisomers and geometric isomers for which these numbers have been assigned. The United Kingdom proposes that this listing of CAS registry numbers be incorporated appropriately into the rolling text of the Convention.

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