

V. Final provisions

1. The Protocol would be open for signature by all States. Any State which had not signed the Protocol before its entry into force could accede to it at any time.

2. The Protocol would be subject to ratification by the signatory States. The instruments of ratification or accession would be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

3. The Protocol would enter into force when instruments of ratification had been deposited by two Governments.

4. The Protocol would enter into force for States whose instruments of ratification or accession were deposited after its entry into force on the date of deposit of their instruments of ratification or accession.

5. The depositary would promptly inform all States which had signed or acceded to the Protocol of the date of each signature, the date of deposit of each instrument of ratification or accession, the date of entry into force and the receipt of any other communication.

6. The Protocol would be registered by the depositary in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

7. The Protocol could provide for a review procedure so that, when the Convention on the prohibition of chemical weapons was concluded, the terms of the Protocol could be amended accordingly and use could be made of the Advisory Committee infrastructure to be established under the Convention, while ensuring that the special machinery for monitoring compliance with the prohibition covered by the Protocol was retained.

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