

16. The two sides continue to believe that it should also be provided that any party could turn to the United Nations Security Council with a complaint which would include appropriate rationale. In case of suspicion that the convention is not being complied with, the Consultative Committee, upon request of any party, or of the Security Council, could undertake an investigation of the actual state of affairs.

17. National measures of verification would include the use of national technical means of verification in a manner consistent with generally accepted principles of international law. In this connexion, parties should not impede, including through the use of deliberate concealment measures, the national technical means of other parties carrying out the aforementioned verification functions.

18. The US and the USSR remain of the view that it would be advisable to reflect in a future convention the obligation of each party to take appropriate internal measures in accordance with its constitutional procedures to prohibit and prevent, anywhere under its jurisdiction or control, any activity contrary to the provisions of the convention.

19. Possibilities for confidence-building measures continue to be explored.

20. The US and the USSR proceed from the premise that a future convention on chemical weapons would include a withdrawal provision similar to the relevant provisions contained in other arms control and disarmament agreements.

21. The question of the conditions for entry into force of a convention remains unagreed.

22. The two sides believe that inasmuch as an effective prohibition of chemical weapons requires working out a large number of technical questions it is advisable to deal with them in annexes to a convention. This matter remains a subject of discussion.

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The United States and the Soviet Union wish to inform the member States of the Committee on Disarmament of their earnest intention to continue their persistent efforts to find mutually acceptable solutions to the extremely complex unresolved issues relating to a general, complete and verifiable prohibition of chemical weapons, with a view to completing successfully the bilateral US-Soviet negotiations and presenting a joint initiative to the Committee on Disarmament at the earliest possible time.