

"B - DESTRUCTION OF FACILITIES

"I - ARTICLE: Agreed sub-elements to be included:

- (a) general obligation to destroy and dismantle facilities,^{*/} and not to construct new ones;
- (b) obligation to close down such facilities at the time the Convention enters into force for each State Party, and to cease production of chemical weapons at that time;
- (c) provision for temporary conversion of production facilities into facilities for the purpose of destruction of stocks;
- (d) obligation not to reconvert such converted facilities, and to destroy or dismantle them as soon as they are no longer needed for the purpose of destruction of stocks;
- (e) indication of over-all maximum duration of the process of destruction, to be counted from the time the Convention enters into force for each State Party (suggestion: 10 years)

- time of start of actual destruction:

(alternative suggestions)

- (i) six months after the Convention enters into force for each State Party;
- (ii) not later than eight years after the Convention enters into force for each State Party.

Other sub-elements proposed by some Delegations:

- (a) provision for the possibility of building special facilities for the purpose of destruction of stocks;
- (b) provision for the possibility of re-utilization in peaceful industry of certain types and categories of equipment, according to specification to be set forth in the Annex.
- (c) obligation to utilize methods of destruction that permit adequate verification.

^{*/} The term 'facility' should be understood as defined in Element II. The following definition was suggested by some Delegations: 'Facilities and/or equipment designed or used for the production of any chemical which is primarily useful for chemical weapons purposes, or for filling chemical munitions'.