

The group succeeded in significantly improving the definition on chemical weapons, agreeing on all elements which constitute toxic chemicals (reference: Article II, 1 (i)). Agreement was also reached in regard to the contents of the definition of "Permitted Activities", though differences remain as to the title of that paragraph (reference: Article II, 3).

The Group failed to agree completely on one of the fundamental issues - the approach for identifying the various categories of chemicals. Nevertheless, due to the in-depth exchange of views on this subject and other relevant issues, it was possible to enlarge the general idea on the restrictions, the place of production and the monitoring procedures in regard to the permitted activities. This new development is reflected in Article VI, paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, where an understanding about the contents and the structure of régimes in regard to the super-toxic lethal chemicals and key components of binary and/or multicomponent chemical systems for chemical weapons is contained.

In accordance with the mandate for the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons (CD/551) the texts agreed upon are of a preliminary nature and not binding any delegation at this stage of the negotiations.

The contribution of the Working Group is reflected in the attached two draft articles:

-Article II: Definitions and Criteria;

-Article VI: Permitted Activities.