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Abbreviations and Acronyms

AG	Australia Group
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
AU	African Union
BW	Biological Weapons
BWC/BTWC	Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention
CBW	Chemical and biological warfare/weapons
CD	Conference on Disarmament
CW	Chemical Weapons
CWC	Chemical Weapons Convention
EU	European Union
G8	Group of Eight Nations
HSP	Harvard Sussex Program
IMO	International Maritime Organization
IO	International Organization
IUPAC	International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry
NAM	Non-Aligned Movement
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
OAS	Organization of American States
OPCW	Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
PrepCom	Preparatory Commission [for the establishment of the OPCW]
PSI	Proliferation Security Initiative
SAICM	Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management
SUA	Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation
UN	United Nations
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNGA	United Nations General Assembly
UNODA	United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs
UNSC	United Nations Security Council
UNSG	United Nations Secretary-General
WHO	World Health Organization
WMD	Weapons of Mass Destruction

Introduction

States Parties to the 1993 Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) will reconvene in The Hague for the treaty's Third Review Conference during 8-19 April 2013. As a contribution to facilitating and stimulating active participation in the Review Conference, the Harvard Sussex Program on Chemical and Biological Weapons (HSP) and CBW Events have developed this comprehensive *CWC Resource Guide*. It contains documents relating to the regime to control chemical weapons, including: official documents from the CWC's Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and documents from the United Nations; together with documents from other international and regional organizations and from informal international arrangements. Although designed primarily for Review Conference delegates, the authors hope this *Resource Guide* will also be a useful resource for researchers, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), journalists and others in civil society with an interest in the regime to control chemical weapons, the focal point of which is the CWC.

Background to the Resource Guide

The production of this *Resource Guide* has been realised through financial assistance from the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

It builds on the precedent of the *NPT Briefing Book*, first published in 1990 by the Mountbatten Centre for International Studies (MCIS) at the University of Southampton, which served as a model for a number of subsequent CBW-related publications including:

- The *Briefing Book for the BWC Sixth Review Conference 2006*, which was funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and prepared by the British American Security Information Council (BASIC), the Harvard Sussex Program (HSP) and the Verification Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC)
- The *Resource Guide for the Second CWC Review Conference 2008*, which was funded by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Portugal and prepared by the Harvard Sussex Program
- The *Seventh BWC Review Conference Briefing Book 2011*, which was funded by the United Kingdom Foreign & Commonwealth Office and prepared by the Harvard Sussex Program and CBW Events

The primary idea behind the *Resource Guide* is to assist delegates to the Third Review Conference in their work and thus to contribute to a successful and constructive outcome to the Conference. By collecting together as many of the key relevant documents as possible, the authors hope to provide a convenient reference source for use during the Review Conference, and beyond. Having attended many previous CWC meetings, as well as other international diplomatic meetings, we felt it would be advantageous to have as many of the relevant documents as possible collected and collated in one publication. We also hope that this *Resource Guide* will raise awareness of the CWC both with states that have not yet joined the Convention, and with researchers, academics, journalists and the general public who have an interest in issues relating to it. In producing this *Resource Guide* we also hoped to demonstrate the constructive input which civil society can make to international meetings such as the Third Review Conference. The authors are longstanding supporters of the CWC and see this *Resource Guide* as one of their contributions to nurturing and strengthening the Convention.

Selection of Documents

Editorial control regarding the content of this volume lies with the authors. There may be questions as to why one document was included and another excluded; why only certain extracts from documents were included; and why we included only a limited number of OPCW documents.

The primary selection criterion relates to available space and the need to avoid making this *Resource Guide* overly bulky and heavy. In some cases this entailed using only key extracts from material and in cases where only an extract from a long document is included, a reference to the original text is provided (most are accessible in full on the internet). A number of OPCW documents are not included on the grounds that many, if not all Third Review Conference documents will be available on the OPCW website and in hard copy from the OPCW documents counter during the Review Conference and in the weeks and months preceding it.

In order to include those documents of most relevance to the Third Review Conference, we have mostly restricted our source materials to those published since the Second Review Conference in 2008. For practical reasons the selection of documents in the printed volume is also limited to English language documents. However, many are available in all six official UN languages, so Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish versions should be available from the websites referenced throughout the *Resource Guide*.

The *Resource Guide* will also be posted at <http://www.cwc2013.info> as well as on HSP's website, <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/Units/spru/hsp>, so that people can download it if they wish. Electronic copies will also be distributed in memory stick and CD-Rom formats. While we have tried to be as comprehensive as possible, it is likely that we have missed some useful documents or that people will take issue with our selection policy. The authors therefore welcome comments on this *Resource Guide*, including suggestions of additional documents that may be included in a future edition and a feedback form is enclosed in the printed volume for that purpose. Readers of the electronic versions will find a link to a copy of the form on the opening page of the memory stick or CD-Rom.