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FOREWORD

The entry into force of the Chemical Weapons Convention on 29 April 1997 signalled the beginning of an era in which chemical weapons were to be eliminated forever.

To succeed in achieving its ambitious goals, the implementation of the Convention by the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons requires the active participation of all its States Parties and the Technical Secretariat.

After seventeen years of operation, the Chemical Weapons Convention—under which the OPCW has verified the destruction of over 80% of all declared chemical weapons—is a cornerstone in the construction of a world free of an entire category of weapons of mass destruction. Its success is due, to a considerable extent, to the continuous development of new rules, decisions, and guidelines making the text—arduously negotiated during the final years of the Cold War—a living instrument aimed at solving the challenges of chemical weapons disarmament and non-proliferation in the twenty first century.

OPCW: The Legal Texts was originally published in April 1999. At that time, the book provided a clear picture of the significant developments registered in the implementation of the Chemicals Weapons Convention during the early years of its life. The book was revised and republished in 2009 to encompass further major developments and to shed light on the overall implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention more than ten years after its entry into force. Both of the compilations were well received both by practitioners and academics alike, who found in it a useful tool for understanding the institutions and organs tasked with the interpretation and implementation of the Convention.

The decision-making process that characterises the OPCW is relevant not only for the number of decisions adopted, but also for the balance achieved between the innovation and stability that mark the evolution of a truly multilateral agreement. With the activities conducted by the OPCW in the last several years to implement the Convention and establish a comprehensive regime for total chemical disarmament, it was considered that a new edition of the book was necessary. This new edition includes decisions adopted by the policy-making organs, reports, and other texts that testify to the level of activity of the Technical Secretariat and the commitment of States Parties and other stakeholders to work towards the achievement of the goals of the Convention. The texts also demonstrate how the priorities of the international community have evolved over the last seventeen years. Thus, for example, texts included in this volume address the global counter-terrorism efforts, industry participation in the multilateral process, and efforts to achieve universal adherence to the Convention. Documents pertaining to particular cases and missions have generally not been included, as the aim of the book is to make available decisions and interpretative instruments that can provide general guidance in a variety of areas relevant to the work of the Organisation and its States Parties. Some of the documents have been replaced with updated versions.

In this spirit, it is hoped that the book will provide ready assistance to academicians and practitioners engaged in the work of the OPCW as well as the work of universities or other international organisations and provide insights into the successful operation of a multilateral instrument. The book is also intended to serve as a source of technical information and guidance for those charged with the verification and destruction of chemical weapons.

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ABAF	Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
ACAT	Assistance Coordination and Assessment Team
ACC	American Chemistry Council
ACW	abandoned chemical weapon
ADPA	Annual Declaration on Past Activities
ADR	European Agreement on the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road
AND	aggregate national data
ATP	European Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs
BOD	beginning of destruction
CA	Confidentiality Annex
CA name	Chemical Abstract Index Guide name
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service
CBO	chemical of biological origin
CEFIC	European Chemical Industry Council
CI	chemical ionisation
CW	chemical weapon
CWC	Chemical Weapons Convention
CWDF	Chemical Weapons Destruction Facility
CWPF	Chemical Weapons Production Facility
CWSF	Chemical Weapons Storage Facility
DFI	Detailed Facility Information
DOC	Discrete Organic Chemical
EC	Executive Council
EI	electron ionisation
EIF	entry into force
EU	European Union
FA	facility agreement
GC	gas chromatography
GC/MS	gas chromatography/mass spectrometry
GPS	global positioning system
GRULAC	Group of Latin America and Caribbean Countries
GTS	General Training Scheme
HCM	Hydrogen Concentration Measurement
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
IATA	International Air Transport Association
ICCA	International Council of Chemical Associations
ICSC	International Civil Service Commission
IMS	information management system
IR	infrared
IRFA	issues requiring further attention
IPSAS	International Public Sector Accounting Standards
ISO	International Standards Organisation
ISP	Inspected State Party
IT	Inspection Team
IUPAC	International Union for Pure and Applied Chemistry
MCP	Manual of Confidentiality Procedure
MFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
MOT	means of transmission
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MS	mass spectrometry
NDE	Non-Destructive Evaluation
NGO	non-governmental organisation
NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance

OACW	old and abandoned chemical weapons
OCAD	OPCW Central Analytical Database
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OFPP	other facility for protective purposes
OFRMPPhP	other Schedule 1 facilities for research, medical, or pharmaceutical purposes
OCPF	other chemical production facilities
OCS	Office of the Confidentiality and Security in the Technical Secretariat
OCW	old chemical weapon
OPCW	Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
OPOC	OPCW Policy on Confidentiality
PC	Preparatory Commission for the OPCW
POC	point of contact
POE	Point of Entry/Point of Exit
POI	Programme of Instruction
PR	Permanent Representative
PrepCom	Preparatory Commission for the OPCW
PSF	phosphorus, sulfur, fluorine
PTS	Provisional Technical Secretariat of the Preparatory Commission
QA/QC	quality assurance/quality control
RBM	results-based management
ROM	read only memory
ROP	Recommended Operating Procedure
SAB	Scientific Advisory Board
SCBA	Self contained breathing apparatus
SCN	Secure Critical Network
SIPRI	Stockholm International Peace Research Institute
SITC	Standard International Trade Classification
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SP	State Party
SSSF	single small-scale facility
TIC	total ion chromatogram
TNO	Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research
TS	Technical Secretariat of the OPCW
TVA	transitional verification arrangement
UN	United Nations
UNITAR	United Nations Training and Research Institute
UNSCOM	UN Special Commission on Iraq
VA	Verification Annex
VIS	Verification Information System
WEOG	Western European and Others Group
WHO	World Health Organization

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