

**Bills Committee on Chemical Weapons (Convention) Bill
Third meeting on 18 October 2002**

List of follow-up actions to be taken by the Administration

1. Cross-referencing the Bill and the Convention

To facilitate the Bills Committee's consideration of the need to set out the full text of the Convention in Schedule 1 to the Bill, please provide a table cross-referencing the Bill and the relevant parts of the Convention.

2. Addition of the definitions of critical terms in clause 2

Certain critical terms such as "Chemical Weapons" and "Facility" are defined in the Convention, but not in clause 2 (Interpretation) of the Bill. Please consider adding the definitions of such terms in clause 2 by referring to the definitions provided in the Convention.

3. Clause 5(e) and (f)

Clause 5(f) provides that no person shall assist, encourage or induce, in any way, anyone to engage in any activity prohibited under the Convention. In this connection:

- (a) please review whether it is appropriate to use the term "encourage" in the context of clause 5(f) and its implications, and whether the term is commonly used in local legislation; and
- (b) please consider whether the defence provision under clause 29(2), which is applicable to clause 5(a), (b), (c) or (d), should also be applicable to clause 5(e) and (f).