

The Chemical Weapons Convention: Milestones, Accomplishments, and the Next Steps

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2007, Where are we, ...and what have we done

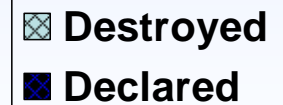
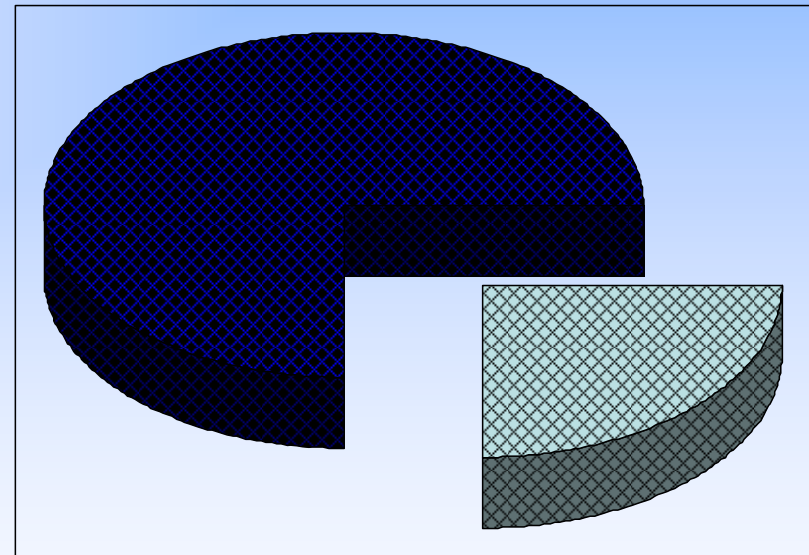
- Milestone Scorecard
 - One, twenty, forty-five percent (agent and munitions)
 - One hundred percent and no extension (Former Production Facilities)
- Aggressive
- Enough preparatory analysis



Destruction to date (Worldwide)

- Nearly 18,000 tons of approximately 71,000 tons of declared agent
- What happens in 2007, concern for 2012
- Destruction rates to meet timelines
- Monetary, political, technology, or social limits
- Realistic timelines

CW Destruction



New revelations

- In recent years, both Libya and Albania declared stockpiles of chemical agent
- Are there others and will they accede before the treaty deadline
- World response or national response
- Challenges



On speed or purposely going slow

- Challenges regardless of technology
- Emerging approaches, more challenging
- Differing environmental guidelines
- Politics
- Is the pace intentional



Was the original construct reasonable

- Ten, twenty, or forty years
- Convention teeth, when do they apply
- Transparency enhanced
- Nervousness scale



Successes

- Removal
- Reduction



Terror applications

- Acquiring
- Weaponizing
- Fear concept



What does the future hold

- The finish line is over the horizon, but we know it is there
- Consistent approach international standards



Political roadblocks

- Inadvertent by the uninformed, or intentional by the too informed
- Treaty enacted 10 years ago (two generations)
- Difficulty in keeping focus
- Reeducation



Next steps

- Mission completion
- Prepare for the next challenge
- Focus on non-signatories

