

Annex
DESTRUCTION PLAN FOR THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS
ABANDONED BY JAPAN IN
THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA BEYOND THE YEAR 2016

The Government of Japan and the Government of the People's Republic of China, pursuant to relevant provisions of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction (hereinafter “the Convention”) and with reference to the Executive Council decision (EC-67/DEC.6, dated 15 February 2012), held consultations and reached the following common recognition regarding the destruction of chemical weapons abandoned by Japan in the People’s Republic of China (hereinafter “ACWs”) beyond the year 2016.

1. Destruction of ACWs with the Mobile Destruction Facility

The Government of Japan will make its fullest possible efforts, with a view to achieving the proposed time frame, which is preferably within the year 2022, of the completion of destruction of ACWs which are stored in the storehouses in the People's Republic of China and have already been declared to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) as at 31 December 2016 (not including those buried or stored in Haerbaling). Fulfilling the necessary conditions in this regard, the Government of Japan and the Government of the People's Republic of China will accelerate the implementation of matters related to the destruction including the designation and preparation of destruction sites to pursue this goal.

The Government of the People's Republic of China will provide appropriate cooperation for such efforts by the Government of Japan to carry out the destruction.

To carry out the destruction of the abovementioned ACWs, mobile destruction facilities (MDFs) will be deployed at the sites in Harbin (Heilongjiang Province), Taiyuan (Shanxi Province) and Guangzhou (Guangdong Province) as shown in “a”, “b” and “c” below.

(a) Harbin site (Heilongjiang Province)

ACWs stored in the Harbin storehouse and the other storehouses in Heilongjiang Province (Beian, Nianzishan, Yichun, Jiamusi, Qiqihaer, Jixi, and Shangzhi) are expected to be destroyed at the Harbin site.

(b) Taiyuan site (Shanxi Province)

ACWs stored in the storehouses in Taiyuan and Feicheng (Shandong Province) are expected to be

destroyed at the Taiyuan site.

(c) Guangzhou site (Guangdong Province) or its alternative ACWs stored in the storehouses in Guangzhou and Nanning (Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region) are expected to be destroyed at the Guangzhou site or its alternative.

2. ACWs in Liaoyuan (Jilin Province)

The Government of Japan will finish the study on the technical issues and methods suitable for the destruction of ACWs in Liaoyuan as well as drawing up of a destruction plan for those ACWs within the year 2022. The Government of the People's Republic of China will provide appropriate cooperation.

3. Destruction of ACWs in Haerbaling (Jilin Province)

In Haerbaling, excavation and recovery operations started in the year 2012, and destruction operations started in the year 2014. The Government of Japan, in consultation with the Government of the People's Republic of China, will draw up a destruction plan for ACWs buried in Haerbaling preferably within the year 2017, taking into consideration the uncertainties such as the actual number of ACWs buried there. This plan will include, among other things, a proposed time frame of destruction and its accomplishment as well as the future configuration of the destruction facilities. Until the destruction plan is drawn up, the Government of Japan, while assigning the highest priority to the safety of the personnel and the protection of the environment, will make its fullest possible efforts, including the deployment of additional destruction facilities, with a view to completing the destruction of ACWs in Haerbaling within the year 2022. The Government of the People's Republic of China will provide appropriate cooperation for destruction.

With respect to ACWs in surrounding areas of Haerbaling, the Government of Japan and the Government of the People's Republic of China will have consultations on relevant matters such as the timing of destruction and drawing up of a work plan for destruction.

4. Destruction of ACWs already confirmed and to be declared to the OPCW as well as those which may subsequently be confirmed

The Government of Japan and the Government of the People's Republic of China have confirmed existence of ACWs in locations such as Jiamusi (Heilongjiang Province), Shangzhi (Heilongjiang Province) and Hunchun (Jilin Province) as a result of joint investigations. The Government of Japan, in consultation with the Government of the People's Republic of China, will make its fullest possible

efforts to move forward excavation and recovery in those locations in a well-planned way as far as possible.

With respect to those ACWs already confirmed through joint investigations and to be declared to the OPCW as well as those which may subsequently be confirmed through such investigations, the Government of Japan will faithfully implement, in accordance with the Convention, the obligations as the Abandoning State Party.

With respect to possible ACWs which have already been reported to the Government of Japan by the Government of the People's Republic of China as at 31 December 2016, the Government of Japan will accelerate its investigation and confirmation. The Government of Japan will declare the ACWs confirmed as such to the OPCW, and will make its fullest possible efforts to complete the destruction of these ACWs as early as possible.

5. Destruction Facility

The Government of Japan and the Government of the People's Republic of China will consider further deploying a high mobility MDF at an appropriate time to destroy ACWs stored in the storehouses in the People's Republic of China.

6. Consultations

Taking into consideration the importance of the safety of the personnel and the protection of the environment as well as technical elements, the Government of Japan and the Government of the People's Republic of China may have consultations for the review of relevant matters including the aforementioned time frames adjustment, according to the progress of the destruction.

In such consultations, the Government of Japan and the Government of the People's Republic of China may consider a reasonable adjustment of time frames, in cases where the destruction of ACWs declared to the OPCW after 31 December 2016 precedes that of ACWs which have already been declared to the OPCW as at 31 December 2016, with a view to achieving the completion of the destruction of all the ACWs as efficiently as possible.