Preface

The idea for this publication was developed at a time when it did not appear to be sure that there would be a Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC). But already in the late 1980s it was clear that the life of the CWC would depend upon a meaningful implementation mechanism. What started as a reflection de lege ferenda has now become an analysis of an existing convention, which, hopefully, will soon enter into force. But it remains in a certain sense a work de lege ferenda because the implementation which the CWC requires and presupposes still remains to be shaped. It is a hope of the editors and all those who have contributed to the book that it might be useful for this purpose.

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The work was organized in three teams, each headed by one of the editors. The following institutions co-operated in the organization of the project: Istituto Affari Internazionali (Rome), Institute of Public Law, University of Frankfurt, and the Department of Law, Abo Akademi University (Turku). The following persons participated in the three research groups: Natalino Ronzitti (Director), Pietro Gargiulo, Marco Gestri, Andrea Gioia, Ettore Greco, and Andrea de Guttry (Rome); Michael Bothe (Director), Hedwig van Heck, Thomas Kurzidem, Torsten Lohmann, and Thilo Marauhn (Frankfurt); Allan Rosas (Director), Raija Hanski, and Kerstin Stendahl (Turku). Although the results of the research are now presented as individual contributions, they are also the fruit of lively exchanges between the three groups, which mainly took place during three workshops, organized by the three groups. The workshops were held in Bad Homburg (5-6 April 1991), Rome (22-23 November 1991), and Turku (2-4 October 1992), respectively. Other persons participated in these workshops and inspired the work with fruitful ideas. In particular, the groups sought external advice from experts on a number of important issues and some of these experts have contributed to this volume as well, namely: Treasa Dunworth (Harvard Sussex Group), Julian P. Perry Robinson (University of Sussex/Harvard Sussex Group), Ronald G. Sutherland (University of Saskatchewan), Thomas Stock (SIPRI), and Ralf Trapp (Stiftung Ebenhausen). Most of the manuscripts were finalised by mid-1993. However, due to the ongoing process in The Hague in the framework of the Preparatory Commission (PrepCom) and the implementation processes in signatory states as well as member states, the editors decided to update the contributions where necessary.
The language of the manuscripts was revised by Peter Macalister-Smith. The work of typing the manuscripts in the various phases of elaboration and of preparing it for publication was done by Silke Möhring, Simone Peters and Sabine Schimpf. The final editing and work on the layout was carried out by Thomas Kurzidem.

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