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**ANNUAL REPORT OF INFORMATION
ON NATIONAL PROGRAMMES FOR PROTECTION
AGAINST CHEMICAL WEAPONS UNDER ARTICLE X OF THE
CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION**

Name of State Party providing the information:

1. **New Zealand**

Reporting period:

2. This report covers the calendar year: **2007**

**INFORMATION ON THE EXISTENCE OF A NATIONAL PROGRAMME(S)
RELATED TO PROTECTION AGAINST CHEMICAL WEAPONS**

3. Does the State Party have a national programme(s) for the implementation of protective measures against CW?

YES

If Yes, do these cover:

- (a) protection of military personnel against attack from CW?

YES

- (b) protection of the civilian population against attack from CW?

NO

**GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF A NATIONAL
PROGRAMME(S) RELATED TO PROTECTIVE PURPOSES**

4. Summarise (in general terms) the national programme(s), and/or regional and local differences (as appropriate to and within the territory of the State Party), for the implementation of protective measures against CW attack against the State Party's armed forces or civilian population (continue on a separate sheet if necessary):

The national programme related to protection of military personnel against chemical weapons is intended to protect forces or detachments deployed off-shore in foreign countries where there could be a risk of chemical weapons being used deliberately or where there could be a risk of an inadvertent chemical accident in those foreign countries.

5. List the main national government and/or regional and local bodies (as appropriate to the circumstances of the State Party) that have primary responsibility within the State

Party for:

- (a) protection of armed forces:

New Zealand Defence Force

- (b) protection of specialist personnel such as police, fire fighters, ambulance and medical personnel, or government officials:

Not applicable (see question 3)

- (c) protection of the general public:

Not applicable (see question 3)

6. If protective equipment is provided for armed forces or civilians, is it:

- (a) developed from government-sponsored research and development?

NO

- (b) acquired commercially?

YES

- (c) acquired from the governments of other States Parties?

YES

7. Has the State Party's government made an offer of assistance through the OPCW under Article X, paragraph 7 of the CWC?

NO

INFORMATION ON THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES RELATED TO PROTECTIVE PURPOSES

8. Does the government of the State Party undertake research and development related to protection against CW, in the following fields:

Respiratory protection

NO

Protective clothing

NO

Collective protection

NO

Decontamination technologies for area, personnel and materials

NO

Detection/identification of CW agents

NO

Laboratory analysis for CW agents

NO

Medical countermeasures

NO

Hazard modelling

YES

INFORMATION ON THE EXISTENCE OF UNITS, ONE OF WHOSE PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS MAY BE PROTECTION AGAINST CHEMICAL WEAPONS

9. Are there any military units one of whose principal functions is protection against CW?

YES

10. If Yes, briefly state their main tasks (such as collective protection, decontamination, detection, and/or medical countermeasures). Continue on a separate sheet if necessary:

Decontamination

INFORMATION ON THE TRAINING PROGRAMME RELATED TO PROTECTIVE PURPOSES

11. Does the State Party conduct operational training for its armed forces using real CW agent or simulants?

NO

12. Does the State Party train its military personnel in the following fields:

(a) use of personal protection equipment?

YES

(b) decontamination?

YES

(c) detection?

YES

(d) medical aspects of protection?

YES

13. Has the State Party's government provided, in the last year, training of foreign military or civilian personnel on protection from a possible CW attack?

NO

INFORMATION ON PROTECTION OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION

14. Does the programme for protection against CW provide for support to the civilian population in case of use or threat of use of CW?

NO

15. If Yes, indicate which of the following will provide the support:

(a) Fire service?

Not applicable

(b) Emergency medical personnel?

Not applicable

(c) Police?

Not applicable

(d) Military units?

Not applicable

(e) Other contracted entities (e.g. private companies)?

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Not applicable

16. If the answer to Question 14 is No, is there an objective for specialist personnel to provide such support in the future?

NO

17. Are training exercises carried out which involve practicing the response to CW attacks against the civilian population?

NO

18. Is the general public provided with training to protect themselves against the effects of CW attack (excluding those involved in regular military training as part of compulsory national service)?

NO

19. Is educational information available to the general public regarding protection against CW attack (e.g. leaflets, internet sites etc)?

NO

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

20. Provide references (if available) to select, publicly available, scientific papers published in the reporting year related to national CW protective programmes:

There are no publicly available scientific or technical papers related to New Zealand's small military CW protective programme.

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