Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of 
Asphyxiating, Poisonous or other Gases, and of 
Bacteriological Methods of Warfare.

Geneva, June 17, 1925.

PROTOCOL.

The undersigned Plenipotentiaries, in the name of their 
respective Governments:

Whereas the use in war of asphyxiating, poisonous or other 
gases, and of all analogous liquids, materials or devices, has been 
justly condemned by the general opinion of the civilised world; and 

Whereas the prohibition of such use has been declared in Treaties 
to which the majority of Powers of the world are Parties; and 

To the end that this prohibition shall be universally accepted as a 
part of International Law, binding alike the conscience and the 
practice of nations;

DECLARE:

That the High Contracting Parties, so far as they are not 
already Parties to Treaties prohibiting such use, accept this 
prohibition, agree to extend this prohibition to the use of 
bacteriological methods of warfare and agree to be bound as 
between themselves according to the terms of this declaration.

The High Contracting Parties will exert every effort to induce 
other States to accede to the present Protocol. Such accession will 
be notified to the Government of the French Republic, and by the 
latter to all signatory and acceding Powers, and will take effect on 
the date of the notification by the Government of the French 
Republic.

The present Protocol, of which the French and English texts are 
both authentic, shall be ratified as soon as possible. It shall bear 
to-day's date.

The ratifications of the present Protocol shall be addressed to the 
Government of the French Republic, which will at once notify the 
deposit of such ratifications to each of the signatory and acceding 
Powers.

The instruments of ratification of and accession to the present 
Protocol will remain deposited in the archives of the Government 
of the French Republic.

The present Protocol will come into force for each signatory 
Power as from the date of deposit of its ratification, and, from that 
moment, each Power will be bound as regards other Powers which 
have already deposited their ratifications.