

## **United States Policy**

### **Biological Agents – No Use**

- 1. The United States will not use biological agents, including toxins and all other methods of biological warfare, under any circumstances.**
- 2. The United States will strictly limit biological research to defensive measures.**

### **Chemical Agents – No First Use**

- 1. US armed forces will not use lethal or incapacitating chemical agents first.**
- 2. The United States will strictly reserve the right to retaliate, using lethal or incapacitating chemical agents, against an enemy force that has used them on US forces.**
- 3. The authority to order or approve the first retaliatory chemical strike rests with the president of the United States.**
- 4. The United States will avoid risk to civilian populations to the maximum extent possible.**