

(b) In securing the site, upon arrival and up to the completion of the inspection, the inspection team shall be permitted to patrol the perimeter of the site, station personnel at the exits and inspect any means of transport of the inspected Party leaving or entering the site, in order to ensure that there is no removal or destruction of relevant material.

9. Upon arrival at the site and prior to the commencement of the inspection, the inspection team shall be briefed, with the aid of maps and other documentation as appropriate, by facility representatives on the nature of the facility, the activities carried out there, safety measures and administrative arrangements necessary for the inspection. [In the course of the briefing, the State Party receiving the inspection may indicate to the inspection team the equipment, documentation or areas that it considers sensitive and not related to the purpose of the inspection.] 1/ The time spent for the briefing shall be limited to the minimum necessary, [in any event not exceeding [3] hours], and shall not be counted within the duration of the inspection.

10. (a) 2/ The inspection team shall have the right to apply verification methods and procedures necessary for detecting and preserving evidence, appropriate to the specific types and cases of inspection. It shall have the right, inter alia, to:

- (i) have access to the areas of the site it deems relevant to the conduct of its mission, 3/
- (ii) interview facility personnel,
- (iii) have samples taken at its request and in its presence by representatives of the State Party receiving the inspection or take samples itself, if so agreed in advance with those representatives,

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1/ Following the elaboration of the Annex on the Protection of Confidential Information, the deletion of this sentence needs to be considered.

2/ It has been suggested that the procedures for inspections of alleged use of chemical weapons should be considered separately and comprehensively on the basis of the proposed Annex to Article IX (documents CD/766 and CD/CW/WP.173). Experience gained through investigations by the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the possible use of chemical weapons may also be taken into account.

3/ A view was expressed that this point can be usefully considered only after solution of the pending issues in paragraph 12, page 194.