

from several countries have devoted much time and effort to problems related to the verification of allegations of use, sometimes within the context of the multinational negotiating forum in Geneva and sometimes as an independent contribution to the body of knowledge related to such matters. Some such work - notably from Sweden, Norway and Finland - is identified in this document.

In its final report, the United Nations Group of Consultant Experts recognized its inability to develop a standard handbook for the use of investigating teams. Instead, it compiled a form of select bibliography which might constitute the nucleus of a library which could be maintained and expanded, for the use of experts and investigating teams. At the same time, the Group of Consultant Experts, in Section IV of its report, called upon Governments as well as national and international organizations to "communicate to the Secretariat new information available to them regarding either technical aspects of the procedures or the documentation" which were the subject of its report.

It was with this in mind that Canada's Department of External Affairs commissioned a study by two scientists on the staff of the University of Saskatchewan. The study, it was hoped, would constitute a step towards developing a handbook for the use of investigating teams as an "aide memoire" in dealing with various aspects of an investigation. These and other scientists involved in the study brought to bear experience from different domains, including work on environmental pollution and environmental protection issues; first-hand experience of the problems involved in collecting, packaging and transporting environmental and