

carry out international inspections, and to assist the Consultative Committee and Executive Council in tasks related to information and fact-finding. It is clear that the responsibilities and duties of the Technical Secretariat will depend upon those assigned to the Consultative Committee and its Executive Council. Hence the skills, personnel, and resources required for a Technical Secretariat will be a function of its delegated responsibilities, and its size will be related to the extent of its duties.

The staff of the Secretariat should be chosen among the nationals of the States Parties and should consist of such qualified personnel as needed to carry out the duties of the Consultative Committee. It would:

- carry out all activities relating to the execution of international measures of verification as specified in the Convention;
- develop, and revise as necessary, detailed procedures for exchange of information, for declarations and for technical matters related to the implementation of the Convention;
- review the scientific and technological developments which would affect the operation of the Convention.

These functions were further elaborated in the 1983 report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons:

"The Technical Secretariat shall:

- (a) render technical assistance to States Parties and to the Executive Council in implementing the provisions of the Convention;
- (b) receive from States Parties and distribute to them data relevant to the implementation of the Convention;
- (c) elaborate technical questions relevant to the implementation of the Convention, such as drawing up for recommendation to the Consultative Committee (or the Executive Council) of lists of key precursors, technical procedures, etc.;