

Attachment (C)

Proposal by the Coordinator

Annex to Article IV (Section V)

V. PRINCIPLES AND METHODS FOR THE VERIFICATION OF THE DESTRUCTION
OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS */

1. The aim of verification of destruction of chemical weapons shall be:
 - to confirm the identity and quantity of the chemical weapons stocks to be destroyed, and
 - to confirm that these stocks for all practical purposes have been destroyed.

2. Review of detailed plans for the destruction of chemical weapons

(a) On the basis of the detailed plan for destruction and proposed measures for verification submitted by the State Party, and as the case may be, on experience from previous inspections and on the relevant agreement(s) on subsidiary arrangements, the Technical Secretariat shall prepare before each destruction period, a plan for verifying the destruction of chemical weapons, consulting closely with the State Party. Any differences between the Technical Secretariat and the State Party should be resolved through consultations. Any unresolved matters shall be forwarded to the Executive Council 1/ for appropriate action with a view to facilitating the full implementation of the Convention.

(b) The agreed combined detailed plans for destruction and verification plans, with an appropriate recommendation by the Technical Secretariat, will be forwarded to the members of the Executive Council for review. The members of the Executive Council shall review the plans with a view to approving them, consistent with verification objectives. This review is designed to determine that the destruction of chemical weapons, as planned, is consistent with the obligations under the Convention and the objective of destroying the chemical weapons. It should also confirm that verification schemes for destruction are consistent with verification objectives, and are efficient and workable. This review should be completed [60] days before the destruction period.

(c) Each member of the Executive Council may consult with the Technical Secretariat on any issues regarding the adequacy of the combined plan for destruction and verification. If there are no objections by any members of the Executive Council, the plan shall be put into action.

*/ This section is at a very early stage of elaboration. Further work is needed on it.

1/ The role of the Executive Council in the review process will need to be reviewed in the light of its composition and decision-making process.