

- These requests would not be linked to any allegation of breach of the Convention.
- Each State Party would have the right to make [...] requests a year and would be obliged to receive a total of [...] inspections a year. Access to the site would be mandatory within a given number of hours. This quota system is one aspect distinguishing ad hoc from challenge inspection.
- The purpose of the inspection would be to check whether any activity in the facility concerned was subject to declaration or prohibition under the terms of the Convention.
- The inspection would be carried out by inspectors from among the full-time inspectorate of the Technical Secretariat. Procedures for the conduct of the inspection (i.e. its format) would differ from those for routine inspections listed in paragraph 2 (a) above and for challenge inspection. There would, for example, be no "facility attachment" and there might be no need for an observer from the requesting State to accompany the Inspection Team.
- The Technical Secretariat would inform all States Parties that the inspection had taken place and of their findings.

9. In addition it would be open to any State Party or group of States Parties to reach agreement with another State Party or group of States Parties to establish a bilateral system of inspections of the same or similar character; the cost of this would be met by the Parties concerned.

10. The system described above might be called "Ad Hoc Inspections". It would operate alongside the two other procedures - routine inspections listed in paragraph 2 (a) above and challenge inspection - both of which would remain crucial elements of the verification régime.

ADVANTAGES OF AD HOC INSPECTIONS

11. It is suggested that Ad Hoc Inspections would have the following advantages:

- (i) The inspection régime proposed in this paper would complete the on-site inspection framework with a manageable number of régimes.
- (ii) Nomination by States Parties would focus attention on facilities of most concern both to the Convention and to the requesting States Parties.