

ON-SITE INSPECTIONS

D1. What happens when the monitoring system detects a suspicious event?

The CTBTO will request clarification from the implicated State Party. When the event is not clarified to the satisfaction of the CTBTO or any other State Party, a State Party can request an on-site inspection. The Executive Council of the CTBTO would then rule on this request. Clarification and on-site inspections can also be requested based on other data than the international monitoring system, such as satellite observation or other national technical means. It is anticipated that inspections under the CTBT will be rare, and given the highly specialized nature of such inspections, most of the inspectors will be drawn from resources made available by signatories. Canadians will be eligible as inspectors. Every signatory is allowed to reject an inspector in advance of inspections in its jurisdiction, but inspectors cannot be rejected once an inspection is launched.