

Declarations	Statements, data, or plans submitted by a State to the IVO before beginning or after completing an operation necessitated by the Convention. Also refers to any data reported by a State Party at the time at which the Convention enters into force for that State.
Depository	The body to whom the instruments of ratification and instruments of accession are deposited.
Destruction	- of CW A process by which chemicals are converted in an essentially irreversible way to a form unsuitable for the production of CW and which renders munitions and other devices unusable as such.
	- of CWPF The razing to the ground of a facility used to produce CW or the rendering of CW equipment unusable.
Dismantling	The disassembling of technological equipment that was used in a production facility.
Diversion	A process by which chemicals are converted in an essentially irreversible way into end products which may only be used for purposes other than those related to chemical weapons.  Other meanings: taking supertoxic lethal chemicals from CW stocks for permitted purposes.  : removal from stockpiles of certain precursors or toxic substances utilizable for industrial purposes.
Executive Council	That organ of the Convention which acts in the place of the Consultative Committee between sessions and which oversees the activities of the other sub-organs.
Fact-finding	The seeking of information to resolve an inquiry.
Fact-finding Panel	A panel set up by the Consultative Committee to carry out fact-finding activities.
Familiarization Visit	Initial visit to a facility by the Inspectorate to aid in planning a verification scheme for that facility or category of facility.
Inquiries	Requests by one State to the Executive Council to clarify an ambiguous situation concerning the Convention and the activities of another State.
Inspectorate	That part of an IVO which carries out inspections under the Convention.