- As armed forces are reduced, limitations on personnel may become increasingly important for security and stability, especially in regional contexts.

- If the parties to an agreement believe that personnel limitations are important to their security, then the level of verification effort should reflect this assessment.

- "Conventional wisdom" holds that verifying personnel is, for all practical purposes, impossible. This may be true.

- However, there is a danger that the perceived difficulties, costs, and inconvenience of verifying personnel limitations is precluding serious discussion of verification in this context.

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