

equipment shall normally be provided by the Technical Secretariat. 1/ 2/ [For inspections pursuant to Article IX of the Convention, at the inspected Party's request, the clothing and equipment shall be left at the site. The inspected Party shall reimburse the Technical Secretariat for the cost of any clothing and equipment left by it.]

3. Inspectors shall have the right throughout the period of inspection to communications with the Headquarters of the Technical Secretariat. For this purpose they [may use their own equipment and/or] may request that the inspected Party provide them with access to other telecommunications. 3/ The inspection team shall have the right to use its own 4/ two-way system of radio communications between personnel patrolling the perimeter and other members of the inspection team. Communication systems should conform to power and frequency instructions established by the Technical Secretariat.

4. The inspection team shall, in accordance with the relevant Articles and Annexes of this Convention as well as with facility agreements, have the right to:

- unimpeded access to the facility inspected. The items to be inspected will be chosen by the inspectors;
- interview any facility personnel in the presence of representatives of the State Party receiving the inspection [with the purpose of establishing relevant facts. Inspectors shall only request information and data which are necessary to the conduct of the inspection, and the inspected Party shall furnish such information upon request. The in-country escort shall have the right to object to questions posed to the facility personnel if those questions are deemed not relevant to the inspection. If the inspection team chief objects and states their relevance, the questions shall be provided in writing to the inspected Party for reply;]
- have samples taken at its request and in its presence by representatives of the State Party receiving the inspection or take samples itself, if so agreed in advance with those representatives;
- perform on-site analysis of samples or request that appropriate analysis be performed in their presence;

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1/ Agreements between the Technical Secretariat and States Parties should specify that all protective clothing and equipment meet pre-agreed safety standards or a State Party may require the team to use the clothing and equipment of that Party.

2/ For safety reasons, the inspected State Party should have the right to provide appropriate alternative equipment and protective clothing of its own for the inspection team, provided this does not hinder the conduct of the inspection.

3/ The issue of communications requires further consideration.

4/ See footnote 2 above.