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planning is needed to determine what samples should be taken, and to provide for their security, transport and analysis. It is essential to carry out off-site analysis, with very sophisticated instruments, in searching for traces of schedule [1] chemicals. Finally, with regard to confidentiality, extensive access to confidential information will be required for inspections. Thus, ways to reduce the need for confidential information should be reviewed, and reliable means to protect such information should be developed. It is clear that when we arrive at the multilateral phase of trial inspections, confidentiality will be an important issue.

Our delegation welcomes the information provided by delegations, and the discussions of national trial inspections that have taken place this spring. In our view, another series of such discussions early in the summer would also be profitable. We believe that the experience to date points to the utility of additional work on trial inspections on a national basis, including additional national exercises. We look forward to learning about other national trial inspections during the closing weeks of this part of the 1989 session of the Conference.

Miss SOLESBY (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland):

... My comments this morning concern the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons, and more particularly its work on strengthening the verification provisions of a future convention. I would like to submit for the consideration of this Conference a suggestion by my authorities for a system of inspection which we would call "ad hoc inspection".

The United Kingdom delegation, like many other delegations, has often emphasized that an effective system of verification is an essential prerequisite for a convention if it is to command widespread adherence. The negotiations have already made considerable progress towards developing a layered pattern of on-site inspection to cover the widely varying facilities and activities which could put at risk the objectives of the convention. We have certain régimes of routine on-site inspection, together with a system of

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