

A. GENERAL APPROACH

1. Objectives of trial inspections

The objectives of a trial inspection under the provisions of the Annex to Article VI [2] would be to test procedures for verifying that:

- the facility is not used to produce any chemical listed in Schedule [1];
- quantities of chemicals listed in Schedule [2] produced, processed or consumed are consistent with needs for purposes not prohibited by the Chemical Weapons Convention;
- chemicals listed in Schedule [2] are not diverted or used for purposes prohibited by the Chemical Weapons Convention.

The inspection would assess the degree of intrusiveness required to provide such verification and so assist in the development of a verification régime that would provide States parties with the necessary assurance of compliance while protecting commercial confidentiality.

The objectives of a trial inspection under other provisions in Articles VI and IX would be to test procedures for verifying that the production, processing and consumption of chemicals are consistent with purposes not prohibited by the Chemical Weapons Convention.

2. Provisions in the Draft Convention under which the trial inspections would take place

Main alternative: Annex to Article VI [2].

If no facility is available to which the Annex to Article VI [2] is applicable, any chemical could, solely for the purpose of the trial inspections, be included in Schedule [2]. This means that trial inspections could take place at almost any facility, but attention should be paid to the desirability of selecting a facility which, in relevant parts, would have a similarity to a facility to be declared under the Annex to Article VI [2].

Possible variations including concepts which are in early stages of deliberation and for which no specific provisions exist:

- Article VI - e.g. ad hoc checks;
- Annex to Article VI [3] - e.g. spot checks;
- Article IX - challenge and clarification inspections.

3. Type of on-site inspection

Main alternative: An initial visit for familiarization purposes, for determination of the inspection plan, and for collection of information for the "facility attachment", followed by a routine on-site inspection.