

Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons

Working Paper by the Netherlands

PERMITTED ACTIVITIES

An approach to the verification of non-production -
substances subject to monitoring in a CW convention

1. Article VI of CD/636 contains proposals for the rights of States Parties to develop, produce, otherwise acquire, retain, transfer and use toxic chemicals and their precursors for permitted purposes. A number of papers (in particular CD/353, CD/439, CD/445, CD/500, CD/514, CD/575, CD/627 and CD/632) have focused attention on the arrangements necessary to ensure that chemicals are not diverted for purposes proscribed by the Convention. This paper sets out the current views of the Netherlands and describes régimes to which they could be submitted under a future convention.

A list of such compounds is attached as an Annex to illustrate the kinds of chemicals which may be subject to the three régimes outlined below. The compounds so listed are done so without prejudice to the Netherlands position on the final scope of the lists, including possible deletions or additions as may be necessary.

Verification of non-production of all categories of chemicals would include data exchange, and where appropriate, on-site inspection or resolution of data discrepancies. Details of the respective régimes and verification procedures will be further elaborated.

Category I

2. All production and use of these chemicals, which have no other known use than for CW purposes, in this category would be prohibited, with the following exceptions: