

- that inspection would be continuous during periods in which destruction operations are under way for destruction of supertoxic lethal chemicals, draining of filled munitions as well as during destruction of filled and drained munition. As regards other chemicals there were different views on whether inspection should be continuous or on a quota basis or limited to certain key stages,
- that international inspectors would have to be qualified and impartial personnel, and that they should be able to make independent judgements,
- that the inspectors should have an up-to-date knowledge of the design and operation of the destruction facility and that they would need to make a detailed engineering review of the facility, including on-site inspection, before the destruction operations begin,
- that in order to minimize intrusion and ensure confidence, the data used for verification should be as closely linked as possible to the actual destruction step and the verification procedures designed so that they do not unnecessarily interfere with the operations of the facility,
- that, to the extent consistent with the needs, the verification procedures should make use of information from routine facility operations, and that the same verification procedures should, to the extent possible, be used for different processes within one and the same facility,
- that close co-operation between international verification personnel and host State operating personnel was important for effective international verification, and
- that, while the decisions as regards destruction methods etc. lies with the sovereign State Party, the Technical Secretariat could have some role to play. It could, inter alia, assist States Parties with experts for the designing of destruction facilities, and give suggestions on how to facilitate the verification tasks. It seemed, however, to be agreed that such assistance should be given by the Technical Secretariat, only upon request from a State Party."

B. Principles and methods for the verification of diversion of chemical weapons for permitted purposes

(To be elaborated).