

Support Services

As already noted, the Agency depends on the supply of certain resources and related services by states. However, it also provides some essential support services itself for its inspection activities. The Department of Safeguards has, besides its Operations Divisions, the following support divisions:

- **Development and Technical Support.** This division provides technical services, including new containment and surveillance devices and analytical routines, and the development of safeguards criteria.
- **Safeguards Information Treatment.** This division provides information management services, including documentation and data evaluation.
- **Safeguards Evaluation.** This division provides assessments of the safeguards systems and a Safeguards Implementation Report indicating areas of difficulty or of possible improvement.
- **Standardization, Training and Administrative Support.** This division provides management and secretarial services, financial and personnel control, and training. It also tries to standardize safeguards.

The Operations Divisions carry out inspections, and also undertake preliminary planning on the basis of design information, the updating and revising of inspection routines, the evaluation of inspection reports and the preparation of subsidiary arrangements.

While a chemical weapons verification agency might not have the same breadth of functions (such as the technology transfer function) as the IAEA as a whole, it would still require a variety of support services such as those listed above. These requirements, in the type of services, organization and the levels of support needed, should be taken into account in any planning for the size and the resource base of such an agency. While in some cases some supporting functions could be provided by states, doing so could limit the independence of such an agency. Additional needs could arise if such an agency tried to take into account possible new developments in the chemical weapons area, undertook to monitor more than industrial facilities, or use techniques in addition to materials accounting, containment and surveillance.