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I. INTRODUCTION

At the summer session in 1988, the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons proposed that States participating in the negotiations should conduct national trial inspections for the purpose of determining whether the verification provisions contained in the "rolling text" made it possible to ascertain that chemical industry facilities subject to declaration were not being used for prohibited purposes.

An initial trial inspection carried out in France in March 1989 was reported on in document CD/913 (CD/CW/WP.240), dated 11 April 1989, the conclusions whereof are reproduced below (see annex). A second inspection of the same kind was found necessary to confirm and refine those conclusions.

The present report describes the course of, and the lessons drawn from, that new exercise.

II. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

1. Type of inspection

This second national trial inspection was carried out at a multi-purpose industrial site in accordance with the provisions of article VI of the current "rolling text" of the convention (CD/952, of 18 August 1989). Its purpose was to verify, by means of the routine systematic on-site inspection procedure, that the initial and annual declarations concerning a schedule [2] chemical corresponded to the output of the workshops concerned and that the chemical was not being used or diverted for prohibited purposes.

2. Type of facility

The inspection took place in a specific facility comprising two shops, one of which was multi-purpose. This facility comprises part of a medium-sized industrial site that engages in other chemical manufacturing operations using the same raw materials as the manufacturing activity inspected.