

During the second half of the session the Chairman's draft suggestion was the subject of a series of intensive private and open-ended consultations. These consultations dealt with the suggested Article itself, whereas, due to lack of time, the procedures could not be addressed. Three consecutive revisions of the draft Article reflected the development of the discussions. Agreement was reached i.a. to use the proposed term "inspection on request" and to deal with investigations of alleged use under Article IX. Towards the end of the session one delegation submitted formal amendment proposals. These proposals addressed the issue of which site could be requested for inspection, introduced the view that the Organization should be given the power to decide whether a requested inspection should be launched, and dealt with the consideration by the Executive Council of an inspection report.

The lack of time did not allow for these proposals to be given due consideration in substance. However, during the last open-ended consultations delegations discussed how these proposals could be reflected in a further revision of the draft suggestion for Article IX. Agreement could not be reached on this issue.

The Chairman therefore concluded that a further revised version of the draft suggestion for Article IX could not be elaborated at this stage.

As a basis for further work on this issue the suggested text of Article IX as well as the above-mentioned amendments proposed to that text are included separately. The suggested text of Article IX is followed by suggested consequential amendments to Article VIII and procedures for clarification.