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Report on a National Trial Inspection

I General remarks

1. On the basis of the working paper on trial inspections (CD/CW/WP.213 of 19 September 1988), a national trial inspection (CW non-production inspection) was carried out in the Federal Republic of Germany on 9 February 1989 in a multi-purpose facility producing a substance listed in schedule [2] of Article VI.

2. This inspection was in keeping with the objective of the working paper, namely to examine the concept and the individual provisions of the rolling text (in its version of 12 September 1988, CD/874) by means of a national trial inspection in order to find out if they provide the envisaged International Inspectorate with appropriate and practicable criteria for the verification of non-production and if such criteria enable the inspectors to establish with sufficient certainty whether civilian chemical facilities in any State Party are in fact only used for purposes not prohibited by the Convention.

The inspection was carried out to clarify to what extent an effective control of the quantity and use of certain substances for civilian purposes and an on-site inspection of the facilities which produce and process them are compatible with a feasible control system which takes account of the legitimate economic interests of the industry with regard to the protection of confidential information and data.

3. In preparation of the inspection a group of governmental experts set up for the purpose of the trial inspection and acting as a fictitious international control authority, transmitted to the industrial facility to be inspected a catalogue of questions on the basis of the annex to article VI [2] and of the model for an agreement relating to facilities producing, processing, or consuming chemicals listed in schedule 2 contained in Appendix II of CD/874.