

IV. Principles and Methods for the Verification of the Elimination of Chemical Weapons

A. Destruction of Chemical Weapons

1. The aim of verification of destruction of chemical weapons stocks shall be:
  - to confirm the identity and quantity of the chemical weapons stocks to be destroyed, and
  - to confirm that these stocks for all practical purposes have been destroyed.
2. After a review of the detailed plans provided in Section III above, the Technical Secretariat, if the need arises, will enter into consultation with the State Party concerned in order to ensure the facility is designed to assure destruction, to allow advanced planning on how verification measures may be applied and that the application of verification measures is consistent with proper facility operation, and to ensure that the facility operation allows appropriate verification.
3. Each State Party should execute a detailed agreement with the Technical Secretariat covering detailed inspection procedures for each facility subject to inspection. (This concept remains to be further elaborated).
4. The inspectors will be granted access to the chemical weapons destruction facility [...] prior to commencement of the active destruction phase, to carry out the engineering review of the facility, to include the facility's construction and layout, the equipment and instruments for measuring and controlling the destruction process, and the checking and testing of the accuracy of the verification equipment.
5. The inspectors will be granted access to conduct their activities at the facility and the facility storage during the entire active phase of destruction. They will conduct their activities in the presence and with the co-operation of representatives of the facility's management and the National Authority if they wish to be present.
6. The inspectors may monitor by either physical observation or devices:
  - (a) the facility storage and the chemical weapons present,
  - (b) the movement of chemical weapons from the storage to the facility,
  - (c) the process of destruction (assuring that no chemical weapons are diverted),
  - (d) the material balance (to be elaborated further), and
  - (e) the accuracy and calibration of the instruments.
7. To the extent consistent with verification needs, verification procedures should make use of information from routine facility operations.