

- . receiving, storing and processing the data obtained through declarations, information provision procedures, the plans presented by States Parties and the findings of inspections;
  - . operating the verification system, e.g., the planning and evaluation of inspections, follow-up actions, reporting on the results of inspections;
  - . developing equipment, techniques and specific procedures for monitoring, measurement, containment and surveillance and for supplying the International Inspectorate with the necessary equipment;
  - . recruiting and training inspectors, designating international inspectors, providing administrative support to inspectors, negotiating agreements with States Parties relating to verification activities, and handling personnel, budget and financial planning matters;
  - . co-operating with the national authorities of States Parties and facilitating consultation and co-operation among States Parties;
5. The Conference shall consider at special sessions such issues of primary importance for the objectives or the implementation of the Convention as new fundamental scientific and technological developments, violations of the Convention and amendments to annexes to articles of the Convention.

Comment: Most special powers and functions set out in Article VIII. C. 2 of the rolling text are contained, partially redrafted, in the above provisions. While it is an important function of the Organization to carry out verification activities, such a function can hardly be considered a duty to be performed by one of its policy-making organs. The provision on Review Conferences seems to be in need of further study in the light of the annual review to be undertaken by the General Conference.

#### C. The Executive Council

##### (a) Composition, procedure and decision-making

Comment: This chapter needs further in-depth discussion.

##### (b) Powers and functions

1. The Executive Council shall be the executive organ of the Organization. It shall be responsible to the Conference and have delegated authority to represent the Organization and to oversee the effective implementation of and compliance with the Convention when the Conference is not in session.

Comment: While the powers and functions of the Executive Council are to be formulated in full recognition of its character as a subsidiary organ of the Conference, the expression "delegated authority" seems to be appropriate only in relation to Conference functions exercised by proxy.

2. The Executive Council shall, at the regular sessions of the Conference, report on the exercise of its functions and present such special reports as the Conference may request.