
Preface

As negotiations on a Chemical Weapons Convention continue, it has become obvious that the areas of compliance and verification, particularly the issues of non-production and challenge inspection, touch on many sensitive spots. These areas present a major organizational and logistic challenge to the proposed Technical Secretariat and its overseeing Committees of the Chemical Weapons Convention. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has been engaged in the verification of compliance with obligations respecting peaceful uses of nuclear materials and facilities for more than 20 years. Given this experience, it is natural to review the goals, the organizational framework of the IAEA and the varied experiences of that organization to learn as much as possible from this experience. For this purpose, a Workshop was organized by the Strategic Studies Program of the University of Calgary.

There were 19 participants from Canada, the United States and Europe. These participants included officials of the governments of Canada, the United States, the Netherlands and Sweden as well as selected academics, officials (current and retired) of the International Atomic Energy Agency and of Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. In essence, the participants included a number of persons who had detailed, high-level expertise in the functioning of IAEA safeguards, a smaller group who were privy to the latest details of the Chemical Weapons Convention negotiations and a tiny minority who were not specialists in either area of expertise, but who were concerned with the broader view of international relations.

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These proceedings do not always reflect the actual sequence of presentations. Each session of the Workshop was followed immediately by a discussion period. However, the salient features of all discussions are summarized in the final chapter of these proceedings.

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