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Report on a National Trial Inspection

1. General remarks

The Austrian National Trial Inspection was conducted in order to actively contribute to the solution of outstanding technical problems for the elaboration of a global Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Development, Stockpiling and Possession of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction and thereby to facilitate the early conclusion of such a convention.

A preliminary report on the results of the Austrian National Trial Inspection was put forward to the Conference on Disarmament under document CD/948 (CD/CW/WP.260) dated 14 August 1989. The present comprehensive report contained in this paper is following the blueprint outlined in documents CD/CW/WP.213 and CD/CW/WP.248/Rev.1.

2. Objectives of the National Trial Inspection

The NTI was planned as a routine inspection in a multi-purpose plant. The facility inspected is part of this plant. It consumes a Schedule 2 chemical ("chemical A") for the production of a "chemical B" in a batch process. It was the objective of the conducted NTI to verify that:

(a) the Schedule 2 chemical has not been diverted for purposes prohibited by the Convention; this implied the verification of the initial declaration; and

(b) the non-production of chemicals listed in Schedule 1 within the facility inspected. The time selected for the routine inspection was shortly after the end of the work on a production batch. It was the main objective of the trial inspection to find out if compliance with the Convention can be verified at this time by checking the mass balance of the consumption of chemical A on the basis of administration records, technical administration