

representative of the requesting State and the representative of the requested State before he takes final decisions concerning the termination or continuation of inspection activities.

This could relate, e.g., to the following problems:

(i) In case the inspection team comes across supportive evidence, without being in the position to document conclusive evidence, the head of the inspection team might consider further steps he intends to undertake in order to provide clarity, whether this supportive evidence is linked with activities suspected by the request or not. He might likewise ask the representative of the requested State party to give an explanation concerning the origin of the supportive evidence and advise him of the facts provision of which would be necessary to make this explanation unquestionable;

(ii) The absence of any conclusive evidence can be sufficient for the fulfilment of the inspection task because it proves the compliance with the Convention. However, the head of the inspection team might also consult with the representative of the two States parties whether further steps might be necessary. He could positively respond to the wish of the inspected State party to record evidence not related with the suspected activity in order to give a further explanation of the information which gave rise to the suspicion.

In any such case regarding the documentation of non-related evidence, the head of the inspection team will record the expressive wish of the inspected State party to do so.

2. General cases

(a) Upon arrival at the site, the head of the inspection team will request a briefing about the nature of the facility and of the activities carried out there. This statement should be given by the operator or person in command, whatever applicable, of the inspected facility, and be supported by appropriate documentation, e.g. maps. On this foundation and based on the request for the inspection, the head of the inspection team will decide on the selection of the parts of the facility to be inspected.

(b) Before the selection, an initial visual inspection of the facility area will be made in order to detect the features which might be indicative of the suspected activities, such as: