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General provision on verification

1. For the purpose of providing assurance of compliance with the provisions of this Convention, the States Parties should agree that verification would consist of national as well as international measures which should be considered as complementary to each other, as set forth in the following.

2. Such verification would be carried out through:

(a) monitoring of compliance with the obligations in Elements I-IV concerning prohibition of development, production, other acquisition, stockpiling, retention and transfer of chemical weapons;

(b) monitoring of compliance with the obligations in Elements I and V concerning

- destruction or diversion for permitted purposes of stocks of chemical weapons,
- destruction or dismantling of means of production of chemical weapons,
- temporary conversion of means of production of chemical weapons for the purpose of destroying stocks of such weapons;

(c) monitoring of compliance with the obligations in Element VI concerning super-toxic lethal chemicals for non-hostile military purposes;

(d) enquiry into facts, including where necessary on-site inspections, concerning alleged ambiguities in or violations of the compliance with the Convention.

3. National measures of verification would be carried out by a national verification system, organized, designated or employed by each State Party in accordance with its own legislation.

4. As regards international measures of verification a Consultative Committee of experts should be established in order to provide a permanent body for the monitoring of the implementation of and compliance with the provisions of this Convention on behalf of the international community by ensuring the availability of international data and expert advice to provide a basis for assessing such compliance.

Comments

- Some delegations stressed the importance of confidence-building measures, which ought to be discussed in context with the verification issues, especially those related to declarations.