

Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons

SWEDEN

Report on a Swedish National Trial Inspection

Introduction

During the summer session of 1988, at the request of the Chairman of the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons, informal open-ended consultations were held to prepare the ground for multilateral trial inspections in the chemical industry. The result of these consultations, contained in document CD/CW/WP.213, were introduced to the Conference at its plenary meeting on 13 September 1988 by the Ambassador of Sweden. The aforementioned document was introduced to assist interested States in their preparations for the national trial inspections.

Pursuant to the initiative launched by the Ad hoc Committee to undertake trial inspections in order to expedite work on the Convention and to assess whether the proposed provisions relating to on-site inspections provide the necessary assurance to States Parties that civil facilities are used only for purposes not prohibited by the Convention, Sweden performed a national trial inspection (NTI) in November 1988.

The Swedish experiment was carried out at a multipurpose facility under the provisions of the Annex to Article VI [2]. This working paper is intended to present the results of the experiment on the basis of the format contained in document CD/CW/WP.213. An outline of the "facility attachment", elaborated during the experiment, is annexed.

A. GENERAL APPROACH

1. Objectives of the National Trial Inspection

The objectives of the NTI were those set forth in CD/CW/WP.213.

2. Provisions in the Draft Convention under which the National Trial Inspection took place.

The Annex to Article VI [2].

3. Type of on-site inspection

An initial visit for familiarization purposes, for determination of the inspection plan, and for collection of information for the "facility attachment", followed by a routine on-site inspection.