

Annex 3

Statement by Major-General R.F. Razuvanov, Commander,
Shikhany military facility

Permit me to welcome you to the Shikhany military facility on behalf of the officers and all our staff. You are the first foreigners to have entered its territory.

That being so, permit me to describe the facility briefly to you.

On the way here, you were given information about the Saratov region and the Vol'sk district in which the facility lies, and about the particular features of the area.

You are now in the facility's club, which is situated in the residential zone. Directly adjacent to this are the administrative zone, the laboratory and technical zone, the security and safety sub-unit zone, and the stores and ancillary services zones (figure 1).

The residential zone contains housing for our personnel, together with common services and recreational facilities.

The administrative zone contains the administrative buildings for the control and administration of the facility.

Located within the administrative zone are the main services such as materials and technical supply, finance, transport, engineering, meteorology, communications and other sub-units essential to the operation of the facility.

The laboratory and technical zone contains buildings, structures and laboratory blocks necessary for the fulfilment of the functions assigned to the facility.

Other tasks assigned to our facility include those relating to chemical weapons.

Today, on the way to the point where the standard chemical munitions will be presented, you will have an opportunity to pass through our residential zone, the administration zone and the laboratory and technical zone; commentaries will be provided by facility personnel.

After the presentation you will travel across the proving ground and beyond the perimeter of the Shikhany military facility's buffer zone to the edge of the River Volga, where a cruise ship will be waiting for you near the settlement of Belogorodnya.

Tomorrow you will again go by this route to the presentation site, where a demonstration will be given of a technology for the destruction of chemical weapons. Afterwards, you will go to the Bagai-Baranovka airfield, from where you will fly to Moscow.