

Furthermore, such means of surveillance are not yet sufficiently developed to allow States to have confidence that national verification measures alone could adequately monitor compliance. We therefore firmly believe that national verification measures should be in addition to, not instead of, international verification measures.

(c) Role of Consultative Committee

8. As has been noted above, the United Kingdom considers that the verification of implementation and of continued compliance should be under the control of an international body - a Consultative Committee - which would be established once the Convention came into force. This central organization would need to be supplemented by various means of support.

9. The United Kingdom considers that the Consultative Committee should consist of a representative from each State party assisted by one or more advisers, and that it should be chaired by the Depositary nominated in the Convention. The technical advisers should draw up standard methods and routines for verification (including standardized methods of chemical analysis) preferably before the Convention enters into force, and should have access to sufficient equipment and know-how to carry out these verification procedures.

10. The Consultative Committee should have over-all responsibility to monitor compliance with the provisions of the Convention both during and after the implementation period, and should investigate complaints about the non-compliance of any State party.

Activities to be monitored by the Consultative Committee

11. Verification during the period of implementation will be of particular importance. Unless all parties can be confident that all existing stockpiles of chemical weapons and all existing production facilities have been destroyed, there will be no basis for confidence in continued compliance after the implementation period. We therefore consider it necessary that the following activities should be monitored by the Consultative Committee.

- (i) The declaration of existing stockpiles of chemical warfare agents and munitions, chemical munition filling facilities and chemical warfare agent production facilities

Although the Consultative Committee would not be in a position to verify that all stockpiles, etc. had been declared, it should carry out on-site inspections to ensure that the declarations which are made are accurate and comprehensive. Thus Consultative Committee experts would have to be allowed to analyse the agents, the concentration of the agents and the quantity of the agents kept in the stockpiles declared.