

- (6) The inspectors should at the arrival be permitted to secure the site in a way they deem necessary to ensure that no material of relevance for the inspection is removed from the site.
- (7) Access to the site for the inspection team should be provided not later than ... hours after the request.

PART II

The conduct of a challenge inspection

A possible approach could be the following:

- (8) The requested State should be under fundamental obligation to demonstrate its compliance with the Convention.
- (9) The inspection should be conducted in accordance with the request. The inspectors should have the access to the site which they deem necessary for the conduct of their mission. They should conduct the inspection in the least intrusive manner possible to accomplish their task.
- (10) The team of inspectors should consult with the requested State, on ways and means to conduct the inspection of the site in a manner which protects sensitive installations or objects not related to chemical weapons. 1/
- (11) In the exceptional event the requested State deems the inspection team's access to the site contrary to its vital national security interests, not connected with chemical weapons, it may propose alternative arrangements to demonstrate compliance.
- (12) If alternative arrangements are proposed the requesting and requested States Parties should make every possible effort to reach agreement 2/ on ways and means for the inspection team to carry out its task. In this process advice may be sought from and given by the inspection team. 3/

1/ Comment: Consultations could be envisaged before as well as during the inspection. It has also been pointed out that detailed provisions as regards methods and instruments to be used would need to be discussed.

2/ Comment: It has been pointed out that in this process the possibility for the requesting State to modify its original request should also be considered.

3/ Comment: In this context the possibility of more fully utilizing the presence of the inspection team was discussed. Suggestions have been made, inter alia, that the team itself might usefully suggest ways and means for it to carry out its task, and that the team might "test" the alternatives suggested.