

VERIFICATION 1/

Aim

3. The aim of the measures stipulated in Article VI, paragraph 6 shall be to verify that:

- (i) facilities declared under this Annex are not used to produce any chemical listed in Schedule [1];
- (ii) the quantities of declared chemicals produced or processed are consistent with needs for purposes not prohibited by the Chemical Weapons Convention;
- (iii) the declared chemicals are not diverted or used for purposes prohibited by the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Obligation and Frequency

4. (i) Each facility notified to the [international authority] under this Annex shall be subject to systematic international on-site inspection on a routine basis if the production of any declared chemical exceeds ... per annum and the production capacity for any of the declared chemical(s) exceeds ... per annum.
- (ii) The number, intensity, duration, timing and mode of inspections for a particular facility shall be based on the risk to the objectives of the Convention posed by the relevant chemical, the characteristics of the facility and the nature of the activities carried out there. (Guidelines to be used as well as a system for "weighting" need to be developed. In this context, threshold(s) might need to be established). 2/

Selection

5. The particular facility to be inspected shall be chosen by the [international authority] in such a way to preclude the prediction of precisely when the facility is to be inspected.

Notification

6. A State Party shall be notified by the [international authority] of the decision to inspect a facility referred to in paragraph [4] [48] [12] hours prior to the arrival of the inspection team.

1/ Some of the provisions contained in this section have general application throughout the Convention. It is understood that the retention of these will be reviewed at a later stage in the negotiations.

2/ Some delegations expressed the view that possible criteria of "suitability for chemical weapons purposes" might be considered in this context rather than in the context of declarations.