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a scrambled code could result in the indication of "non-presence" of the particular substance. To verify the possible presence of undeclared chemicals, a check would have to be carried out throughout the storage area, which is virtually impossible in a time-limited inspection. However, such a check would be possible if a more intrusive means of inspection were to be used.

Fourthly, a few brief conclusions of a more general nature. First of all, the managers of the facility felt that the International Organization would have to take steps to prevent inspectors leaving the Organization from being engaged for a certain period by industrial competitors. The inspectors should possess an official warrant from the International Organization setting out the principles of the convention. We therefore feel that a specific annex on respect for confidentiality would be most appropriate. Secondly, the conduct of an inspection of this nature may be carried out without any significant interference in the normal operations of a chemical complex.

We hope that the information and results contained in the report will make a useful contribution to the development and implementation of effective measures to monitor the non-production of certain substances in industry. We are very interested in participating in the general consideration of the national trial inspection reports which to date more than 10 countries have submitted to the Conference. We have noted that most of the NTIs have taken place in countries in Eastern Europe or in Western countries. Brazil, Sweden and soon, I believe, Austria are exceptions. We are particularly pleased at the important contribution from Brazil, which is extremely interesting because the report goes into a great deal of depth and detail. I therefore appeal to the other non-aligned countries to become involved in large numbers in the practical consideration of as effective a verification system as possible. Their contribution would make it possible to consolidate the aim of universality of our convention, of which we had a happy glimpse at the Paris Conference.