

secondary aim is to assist in ascertaining compliance to the notification and other provisions of the agreement. Detailed rules for treatment of observers are outlined as well as the nature of the conduct of the observations.

More directly related to verification are provisions dealing with inspection. While the parties recognize that national technical means will be used to monitor compliance with the agreement, the main verification methods outlined relate to ground and air inspections. Each party must accept (without right of refusal) a total of three inspections per year. They are obliged, however, to accept only one inspection per year from the same state.

The inspecting state designates the "specified area" for the inspection.. This must be an area where a notifiable military activity is taking place or is suspected to be taking place. Installations, or vessels to which access is normally denied or restricted are excluded from inspections; otherwise the inspectors have free access to move around or over the "specified area" within the time limit outlined below.

An inspection team is composed of 4 inspectors, which can divide into 2 groups. Inspections can be by ground, air or both. Detailed provisions for the rights of and restrictions on the inspectors are provided. Unless otherwise agreed, the inspected state provides the land vehicles and aircraft for the inspectors. Inspectors have the right to carry their own cameras, binoculars, maps, and dictaphones. Aerial and ground inspections as outlined in the agreement are limited to visual observation, unless the parties involved agree otherwise.

Replies to the request for inspection must be received within 24 hours of the request. The inspection must begin within 36 hours of the request and it terminates 48 hours after the entry of the inspectors into the "specified area".

A report is to be produced immediately after completion of the inspection by the inspecting state and transmitted to all parties to the agreement. Special provision is made to prevent allies from inspecting each other, to use up the annual inspection quota.

#### Text of Main Verification Related Provisions:

##### Compliance and Verification

(63) According to the Madrid Mandate, the confidence- and security-building measures to be agreed upon "will be provided with adequate forms of verification which correspond to their content."

(64) The participating states recognize that national technical means can play a role in monitoring compliance with agreed confidence- and security-building measures.

(65) In accordance with the provisions contained in this document each participating State has the right to conduct inspections on the territory of any other participating State within the zone of application for CSBMs.

(66) Any participating State will be allowed to address a request for inspection to another participating State on whose territory, within the zone of application for CSBMs, compliance with the agreed confidence- and security-building measures is in doubt.