

## Annex

### DESCRIPTION OF UNITED KINGDOM PRACTICE CHALLENGE INSPECTIONS

#### The facilities

1. The first practice challenge inspection took place over a two-day period at a conventional ammunition storage facility, which covers an area of approximately 20 sq. km with a total of over 200 Igloos and Standard Explosive Storage Huts (SESH) together with support processing buildings and dedicated railhead and loading sheds. The facility perimeter is some 20 km long and is penetrated at intervals by both road and rail access gates. There are additionally a number of emergency gates for fire and evacuation purposes.

2. The second practice challenge inspection was held over two days at another conventional ammunition storage facility, considerably smaller than the site of the first practice, covering an area of some 4 sq. km. The perimeter is about 8 km in length and contains less than 20 underground and semi-underground explosives storage buildings together with support processing buildings, dedicated railhead and loading sheds, and administrative support buildings.

#### Teams

3. The first exercise involved a total of 20 participants, comprising 5 exercise control/recording staff, 4 inspectors, 1 representative of the challenging State, 4 reception teams, and 6 observers. Both the inspection and reception teams included scientific and ammunition experts, and officials well versed with the chemical weapons negotiations. For the second exercise, in the light of experience gained at the first the inspection team was expanded to 5, and the reception team to 8, with 1 challenging State observer, 4 control staff/recorders, and 2 observers. The same disciplines were represented on both inspection and reception teams, with the addition of an explosives safety adviser to the latter.

#### Administrative arrangements

4. Two minibuses were placed at the disposal of the inspection team throughout the first exercise. A room in an administration block was made exclusively available to the inspection team. The base photographer was on call throughout the exercise to take photographs at the request of the inspectors. Similar arrangements were made for the second exercise, with the exceptions that in order to allow as much time in the field as possible and to increase the realism of exercise play during the inspection, all exercise briefings were completed the day before the start of the exercise; the inspection team was briefed off-site; two official photographers were made available to take photographs at the request of the inspection team, and a video record was made of key parts of the exercise.

#### Documentation

5. For the first exercise documentation included an inspection protocol, a game plan, and scenario. These were also used during the second exercise, for which additionally a detailed set of procedures for the reception of a challenge inspection was prepared for use by the challenged facility, together with a memorandum of guidance for the staff.