

measures could suffice and still meet the requirements of a reasonable verification system. Since the different aspects of verification were related to the scope of the prohibition and other aspects of a convention, some delegations withheld their comments on this issue for the time being.

(2) What is to be verified?

(a) Differing views were expressed on the requirements of verification in the following areas:

(i) destruction of chemical weapons' stocks

(ii) destruction or dismantling of means of/facilities for production of chemical weapons

(iii) non-production of chemicals for prohibited purposes

(iv) production of certain chemicals for non-hostile military purposes

(b) Some held that non-production of chemicals for prohibited purposes could be verified even in highly industrialized countries with reasonable means and without prejudice to the interests of the chemical industry. Others were of the view that inspection of entire chemical industries would not be practicable. In this context some held that verification of a ban on identified dual-purpose agents and their precursors and in particular binary weapons, could pose insurmountable difficulties. Others disagreed with this view.

(c) Differing views were expressed on whether prohibition of planning, organization and training, if included in a convention, could be verified.

(3) Verification procedures

While delegations were of the view that a verification system could be based on an appropriate combination of international and national measures, there were differences as to their relative effectiveness. One view was that a verification system should rely primarily on international measures. Another view was that national measures, with certain international procedures, would provide adequate assurance of compliance.

(a) Issues relating to national verification measures

There appeared to be no convergence of views on whether national organs for verification should be envisaged, in a convention and, if so, on the role and importance of such organs. Differing views were expressed regarding whether or not standardized programmes for national organs for verification, including their organization, functions and obligations, should be provided for.