

9. Details of the organization and procedures of the Committee, rights and duties of members, rights and duties of designated personnel for inspection, inspection procedures and rules for reports would be set out in Annex V.

Comments

- Some delegations felt that this element had to be further elaborated. They emphasized that agreement on verification procedures could promote a convergence of views on the scope of the convention. Other delegations noted that the functions of the Consultative Committee as well as other international verification measures can and should be considered and elaborated only with due regard to, and in inextricable interrelationship with the scope and the nature of the prohibition under a future convention. Therefore they had refrained so far from stating their views in detail on the tasks and terms of reference of the Consultative Committee.
- (Para. 1) Some delegations considered that the efficiency of the Consultative Committee would diminish if it were to include a representative of each State Party. It was therefore suggested that the Committee should consist of a limited number of members elected from experts nominated by States Parties. The Chairman sharing this concern drew the attention to the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs as a possible model.
- (Para. 3) Some delegations considered that the competence of the Consultative Committee should include enquiry into facts concerning allegations of use of chemical weapons by or with the assistance of a State Party on the grounds that evidence of use would indicate a breach of the obligations assumed not to develop, acquire, transfer, stockpile or retain chemical weapons.
- (Para. 3) Some delegations suggested that verification of the non-production of chemicals for prohibited purposes should be based on a pragmatic on-site inspection system. They believed that this could be undertaken without prejudice to the interest of the chemical industry. Some delegations felt that such inspections should be undertaken periodically on the basis of random selection so as to take place in a businesslike and co-operative atmosphere. Others asserted that there was no evidence that on-site inspection of chemical industry was feasible without harming economic interests.
- (Para. 3) Some delegations emphasized that the tasks in (a) and (b) do not only belong to the Consultative Committee but also to the national verification systems.
- (Para. 3) Some delegations stated that they did not see any necessity for an obligation to set up specific national verification organs.