

NETHERLANDS

REPORT ON A NATIONAL TRIAL INSPECTION

INTRODUCTION

1. During the winter and spring of 1985/1986 an experimental inspection was carried out in the Netherlands. CD delegations were informed of the results of this trial inspection during a workshop that was held in June 1986. The main results of the workshop and trial inspection were published as documents of the Conference on Disarmament (CD/706, CD/CW/WP.141, 142, 143 and 144).

A second trial inspection was carried out during the first half of 1989 on the basis of working paper CD/CW/WP.213. The results of this trial inspection are incorporated in this paper and in paper CD/925 (CD/CW/WP.252)

During the preparations of our trial inspection we were able to make use of the reports on other trial inspections that were published before and during the spring session of the CD. By studying these reports we came to the following preliminary conclusions:

- The definition of the word "facility" varies considerably:
 - e.g. - one reactor with associated equipment;
 - all reactors within one building;
 - a chemical complex in its totality.
- As the scope of routine verification of non-production is dependent on the definition of a "facility" no agreement seems to exist on the exact aim of routine verification measures under annex VI [2].
- As the character of inspection and the effort needed for inspection are dependent on the scope of the inspection it seems important to agree on the precise aim of inspection and thus on the exact definition of "facility".

2. Different aims of inspections and article VI [2]

It can be argued that the desirable scope of inspection is dependent on the objective of the inspection. This would explain why such widely diverging definitions of "facility" have been used in the national trial inspections, since the aim of the verification measures referred to in the annex to article VI [2] (p. 75 of CD/881) could be