

Mr. NASSERI (Islamic Republic of Iran): In the Name of God, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

... I have pleasure today, Mr. President, in presenting the advance copy of the national trial inspection carried out in the Islamic Republic of Iran to assess the degree of applicability of the procedures and provisions of the convention we have agreed upon so far. It was not too difficult to gain the support and, in fact, the decision of the Government to move forward with the inspection, because it was well in line with the importance and serious attention that my country attaches to the early conclusion of a comprehensive convention on the prohibition of the production, development and use of chemical weapons. To receive the full and solid co-operation of all the departments, institutions and industry concerned proved, however, to be a more demanding task, and it required tireless efforts by the organizers to enable them to carry on with the inspection as originally planned and to meet the schedule.

The aim, as I said, was to evaluate how far the agreed provisions are applicable and also to provide the possibility of sharing the views and experience with the delegations involved in these negotiations. The preparatory work, from the inception to submission of the final report, took about one and a half months. The actual inspection was carried out in two days, with 14 experts involved. The inspection site was a plant producing DDVP, which is an agent for production of insecticide. The team consisted of specialists in toxicology, chemical analysis, chemical engineering, instrumentation engineering and industrial-military management. The objective was to conduct a routine inspection in accordance with the provisions of document CD/961.

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