

"To these ends the Group could examine potential verification measures in terms of the following main criteria:

- Their strengths and weaknesses based on, but not limited to, the amount and quality of information they provide, and fail to provide;
- Their ability to differentiate between prohibited and permitted activities;
- Their ability to resolve ambiguities about compliance;
- Their technology, material, manpower, and equipment requirements;
- Their financial, legal, safety and organizational implications;
- Their impact on scientific research, scientific cooperation, industrial development and other permitted activities, and their implications for the confidentiality of commercial proprietary information.

In March/April 1992, the Group held its first meeting and compiled lists of potential verification measures in the three broad areas of development, acquisition or production, and stockpiling or retaining. The lists, containing twenty-one potential verification measures, were considered indicative and requiring further discussion.

In November/December 1992, the Group held its second meeting and concluded the general "examination" phase of the twenty-one measures. This established a consensus baseline representing a factual description of the examination from which to move forward to the more detailed "evaluation" phase. Although certain initial efforts were made with regard to evaluation of certain measures, it was recognized that a good deal more detailed work would need to be done in preparation for the next Group meeting, May/June 1993.