

study the question of procedures for conducting investigations of reported violations of the protocol" (p.3). This was accompanied by Resolution (37/98c) requesting a conference on compliance provisions for the Biological Weapons Convention. Despite such actions, however, success will ultimately rest on negotiations between the Soviet Union and the United States. Agreement is not likely here, but some recent developments in verification technology make prospects for verifiable arms control a 'little less bleak'. A majority of nations in the UN have in principle given their support for more effective verification, and this commitment should be directed towards practical measures.