

"REPORT OF THE CO-ORDINATOR OF THE CONTACT GROUP ON ELEMENT IX
(GENERAL PROVISIONS ON VERIFICATION)

"ELEMENT IX - MIGHT CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- "1. Purpose of verification: to provide assurance of compliance with the provisions of the Convention (CD 220).
- "2. Scope of verification: appropriate and agreed verification measures should be applied on the basis of the principle of reciprocity to, inter alia:
 - (a) Elements I-IV, concerning prohibition of development, production, other acquisition, stockpiling, retention and transfer of chemical weapons;
 - (b) Elements I and V, concerning destruction or otherwise disposal of existing stocks of chemical weapons and their means of production; over an agreed period of time;
 - (c) Element VI concerning super-toxic lethal chemicals for non-hostile military purposes;
 - (d) Enquiry into facts, including on-site verification on an agreed basis, on questions related to alleged contravention of the terms of the convention.
- "3. Means of verification:
 - (a) Technical means of verification: Element IX could indicate that agreed techniques of verification appropriate to the task required are identified under each substantive head (now contained in Elements II-VI);
 - (b) Organizational means of Verification: Element IX could provide for the establishment of a Consultative Committee to act as a permanent body for the monitoring of the implementation of and compliance with the terms of the Convention.