

6.0 Requirements for Investigations in the Field

Although this section draws on material from the Canadian Verification Research Programme, there are studies conducted under the auspices of the United Nations which are particularly relevant to these issues (Report of the Group of Qualified Experts Established in Pursuance of General Assembly Resolution 42/37C, August 1989).

6.1 Personnel

It is difficult to foresee all the circumstances and possible questions that may arise when alleged use of a novel chemical warfare agent is investigated. It is not possible, therefore, to suggest a "standard" team or approach. Instead, the following list is suggested:

- military personnel who can advise on traditional chemical and/or biological warfare agents;
- physician with epidemiological training, preferably with some knowledge of known chemical and/or biological warfare agents;
- medical specialist in infectious diseases (e.g., pathologist, dermatologist, neurologist, hematologist, specialist in internal medicine);
- chemist, preferably with knowledge of known chemical weapons;
- microbiologist with knowledge of known biological warfare agents;