

impression treated by the facility under inspection. A question which needs to be addressed however is what degree of shrouding is acceptable. Individual cases will inevitably differ but guidelines will be necessary for the inspectors to be able to make objective assessments.

CONCLUSIONS

22. The two initial practice challenge inspections have thrown a great deal of light on important questions about procedures and indicated possible solutions to a number of problems. They have confirmed our belief that challenge inspection is an important "safety net" element in the overall verification régime. However, the complexities of challenge inspection require work to be done, in particular, on the issue of managed access, in order to address all these questions and identify any others which need to be considered. A programme of further exercises is being devised and the United Kingdom hopes to present a further paper to the Conference in due course as more lessons are learned. In the meantime the United Kingdom strongly recommends that other nations participating in the CWC negotiations should conduct their own practice challenge inspections of military facilities and report their findings to the Conference.