

to infer the responsibilities of such a Secretariat from the duties assigned to the Consultative Committee and to its Executive Council.

The theoretical under-pinnings of the study were two important papers, i.e., CD/500, the U.S.A. draft Convention, and CD/734, the current draft Convention before the Committee on Disarmament (1987). Contents of the articles of these two papers were organized into a more functional format, suitable for an analysis of the operation and function of an IVO. Projects necessitating verification or inspection by an IVO were defined accordingly and were grouped together under appropriate program headings, thus highlighting operational connections between projects in a given program in terms of specific verification operations (see the overview chart on pages viii and ix).

A chart of methodological options was developed to represent all verification schemes potentially applicable to the CW Convention (see pages 29 to 31). A checklist was created as an alternate form of the chart, suitable for practical use (see pages 32 to 36). Many alternative schemes and combinations exist as possibilities for satisfying, to a greater or lesser extent, the verification requirements of each project, as the checklist shows.

Close consideration of the various methodological options permitted the development of listings of functions and skills necessary within an IVO (see section 3.4). The functions list was found to be of general applicability to each of Programs 1 to 3, with specific functions relating to at least one, but not necessarily to all of the projects. The skills list parallels the functions list.