

communications with appropriate authorities throughout (with back-up means).

2.3.2 Regional Support Activities

The international authority should:

- dispatch the investigating team and equipment to a "contact point" in the country where the investigation is to take place;
- arrange for a briefing by authorities on details of the alleged incident(s), locale of the alleged incident(s), security and administrative matters;
- arrange for witnesses (observers) of the alleged incident(s) to be available to be interviewed by the team, as certain preliminary information will be useful to the team for site delineation and on-site sampling purposes.

The investigating team should:

- proceed to a secure base camp in a "clean" environment within one-hour radius of the first site by local (ground) transport;
- establish a base camp, which will consist of decontamination and disrobing point, sample storage areas, analytical laboratory and administrative areas on clean ground;
- establish communications with appropriate local authorities responsible for security and local cease-fire.

2.3.3 Sample Collection Activities

The sampling party of the investigating team should:

- proceed to a site of an alleged incident (personal protective clothing worn to and from base camp, in "open" state);
- adopt the "closed" state upon arrival at the site;