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Report on a National Trial Inspection

General remarks

The Austrian National Trial Inspection was conducted in order to contribute to the solution of outstanding technical problems for the elaboration of a global Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Production, Stockpiling and Possession of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction and thereby to facilitate the early closing of all such a Convention.

A preliminary report on the results of the Austrian National Trial Inspection was put forward to the Conference of Government Experts (CD/943 (CD/CONF.943.260) dated 14 August 1987. The concept hereby contained in this paper is following the blueprint outline of the Convention CD/CONF.943 and CD/CONF.943/Rev.1.

Objectives of the National Trial Inspection

The NTI was planned as a routine inspection in a multi-purpose plant. The facility inspected is part of this plant. It produces a Schedule 2 chemical ("chemical A") for the production of a "chemical B" in a batch process. It was the objective of the Austrian NTI to verify that:

- (a) The Schedule 2 chemical is not used otherwise for purposes prohibited by the Convention, that is, for the production, stockpiling, acquisition, retention, or destruction;
- (b) the non-production of chemical B is not possible at the facility inspected. The inspection was carried out in accordance with the spirit of the Convention, that is, to ensure that the facility inspected is not used for the production of chemical B. At this time by way of example, the inspection was carried out in the plant of chemical B in the plant of chemical A.