

(b) As far as possible, only data stripped of information that might help to transfer the production technology to competing companies would be consulted;

(c) The inspection team would consist of Egyptian citizens only.

The conduct of the NTI

11. The NTI was conducted in accordance with the procedures laid down in document CD/213 as follows:

(a) Initial visit

The inspection team visited the plant to be inspected and met the responsible officials with a view to:

- (i) Clarifying the objectives of the convention on the total prohibition of chemical weapons;
- (ii) Determining the steps to be taken before, during and after the NTI in order to ensure its success;
- (iii) Reaching agreement on the protection of the confidentiality of information and the manner in which it should be handled during the NTI;
- (iv) Defining methods for the taking and analysis of samples;
- (v) Listening to a complete explanation of the stages of the production of the chemical substance under inspection;
- (vi) Designating the company's escort team;
- (vii) Obtaining from the company an initial declaration containing information concerning the company, the chemicals produced in the multi-purpose unit to be inspected, and the quantities of the chemical substance under inspection that were produced during the year preceding the inspection;
- (viii) It was agreed with the responsible officials at the plant that the time of commencement of the inspection would coincide with the date set for the commencement of production of a batch of the substance STS;
- (ix) The company provided specific information concerning the facility and the chemical processes to be inspected.

(b) Conduct of the actual inspection

The inspection was conducted in accordance with article VI (2). The purpose of this type of inspection, known as "routine inspection", is to verify whether the actual production processes and the utilization of the facility correspond to the description in the declaration.