

ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

Under the Convention, each State Party "... undertakes not to: develop, produce, otherwise acquire, stockpile or retain chemical weapons or transfer, directly or indirectly chemical weapons to anyone". National activities in relation to compliance with this obligation will be delegated to a National Authority with the necessary legal instrument(s) to fulfil its mandate. The responsibilities should be shared between External Affairs and International Trade Canada (diplomatic) and the Department of Environment (technical). Diplomatic responsibilities would be assigned to the appropriate division in External Affairs and International Trade Canada and technical responsibilities to the appropriate division in the Department of the Environment.

The extent of the involvement of External Affairs and International Trade Canada will be a function of: (i) the number of meetings of the Consultative Committee; (ii) possible membership of the Executive Council; (iii) bilateral meetings with the Technical Secretariat; (iv) desk officer and director involvement with accreditation of inspectors, visits, inspections etc.; and (v) the site of International Authority.