

3. At its regular sessions, the Conference shall, on the basis of the annual report of the Organization, review the implementation of the Convention and provide a forum for the discussion of any questions raised in relation to the objectives or the implementation of the Convention.

4. In addition, the powers and functions of the Conference shall be:

(a) to consider and approve the annual programme and budget of the Organization, as submitted by the Executive Council,

(b) to encourage international scientific and technical co-operation for peaceful purposes, in the chemical field, as provided for in Article XI,

(c) to review scientific and technological developments which could affect the operation of the Convention, especially in regard to agreed lists,

(d) to elect the members of the Executive Council,

(e) to appoint the Director of the Technical Secretariat [upon the recommendation of the Executive Council],

(f) to establish, as appropriate, such subsidiary organs as it finds necessary for the exercise of its functions in accordance with this Convention,

(g) to adopt the rules of procedure [of the Executive Council, including the method of selecting its Chairman],

(h) to consider and approve the reports of the Executive Council, e.g., reports on challenge inspections and other fact-finding activities, in accordance with Article IX,

(i) ...

Comment: These four articles should describe the functions on the basis of which the principal organ of the Organization should decide the general policies of the Organization. The second paragraph is largely identical to paragraph 1 in part C of Article VIII of the rolling text. The implementation review function has been elaborated further in a new article relating to the consideration of the annual report. That document should incorporate the regular reports which subsidiary organs are required to give on their fields of activity. This would make it possible to assess how the provisions of the Convention and its annexes are implemented and how the organs of the Convention function. The conclusions drawn from that might lead to amendments to the annexes. In view of the detailed procedural provisions included in the annexes, a rather simple way to amend them either at regular or special sessions should be worked out. Owing to the amount of scientific-technological and organizational work entrusted to the Technical Secretariat, especially in consequence of Articles IV, V and VI, detailed prescriptions concerning the utilization of resources should be included in the programme and budget of the Organization. Among other things, the programme and budget should deal with the following issues:

- receiving, storing and processing the data obtained through declarations, information provision procedures, the plans presented by States Parties and the findings of inspections,