6.   Escort and points of contact

One or several sufficiently senior representatives of the company, if possible with knowledge of the measures provided for in the convention for the inspection in question, should accompany the inspectors when moving around inside the facility. They alone will be authorized to reply to the inspectors' questions. Communications between the inspectors and the outside world should be monitored.

7.   Other participants

Participation by at least one representative of the national authority is essential to ensure that the inspection runs smoothly and enable any disputes to be settled.

8.   Duration of initial visit and inspection

The initial visit is a process of making contact, familiarization and negotiation simultaneously, even if a specific recommendation for the facility and special guidelines for the inspectors already exist (cf. § III.0). The inspectors and company representatives need sufficient time to conclude the specific agreement and prepare a reference dossier to be kept in the sealed container. It would seem that a period of four to five days is the maximum that may be contemplated.

The time required for the inspection will depend on a number of factors, such as the composition and experience of the team of inspectors, the size of the plant, and so on. A duration of two days seems reasonable.

9.   Confidentiality of information (cf. CD/901 of 16 March 1989)

Aside from the guarantees which should go hand in hand with the creation of the corps of inspectors, two measures are essential in order to provide the industrial plant with adequate security:

-   Retention of the information in the facility;

-   Restriction of such information in strict accordance with the "need to know".

10.   Opening conference

The opening conference is indispensable to review the inspection mandate, recapitulate the objectives and details of the inspection, and take cognizance of the documents kept in the sealed container, which constitute the "memory" of the two parties.