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The national implementation agency will, inter alia, work closely together with a consultative committee to be established;

The consultative committee should permanently oversee the destruction or diversion for permitted purposes of declared stocks of chemical weapons;

The consultative committee must carry out the supervision of the destruction and diversion through on-site inspections on a permanent basis;

Through random on-site inspections the consultative committee will check periodically that the production of supertoxic lethal chemicals does not exceed agreed quantities;

With a view to enhancing confidence, the consultative committee should undertake inspections on a random basis at facilities on the territory of States parties that will on a regular basis be assigned by lot;

The consultative committee shall be competent to enquire into facts concerning alleged ambiguities in, or violations of, the compliance with the convention;

In the context of such an enquiry the consultative committee would be competent to undertake on-site inspections after consultation with the State party concerned. If the latter State party, however, does not agree to such an on-site inspection, it must provide appropriate explanations;

Each State party to the convention may use national technical means of verification;

Complaints can be lodged with the Security Council. Each State party undertakes to co-operate in carrying out any investigation which the Security Council may initiate.

In view of both the outcome of last year's activities of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Security Assurances and of the massive support for General Assembly resolution 36/95, introduced by Pakistan, my delegation is certainly in favour of the re-establishment of the negative security assurances Working Group. In fact we were pleased and encouraged by the positive attention which we received when last year we proposed a model "common formula" for a Security Council resolution covering the common ground contained in the national statements of the nuclear-weapon States. It seems, however, that last year the Ad Hoc Working Group took things as far as we can carry them and that the ball is now also very much in the camp of the nuclear-weapon States. We call therefore for a joint effort by the nuclear-weapon States involved to bring their respective negative security assurances nearer to each other and possibly to harmonize them. As long as such a joint effort is not undertaken by the nuclear-weapon States involved, we can hardly conceive of room for much further work for the Ad Hoc Working Group on Security Assurances. The Working Group would therefore be more or less on a stand-by basis.

During the thirty-sixth session of the United Nations General Assembly the Netherlands delegation actively worked for the adoption of a draft resolution on the prevention of an arms race in outer space, in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Final Document of the first special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament. The General Assembly decided to entrust this important