

2.3 Details of a Verification Procedure

It bears repeating that the "command and control" arrangements for the investigation will have to be undertaken by the international authority. In particular, certain clearances will have to be obtained, and it will be officials of the international authority who will have to arrange any cease fire. These officials will likely precede the investigating team to the country in which the investigation is to take place, and they will be required throughout the investigation to provide liaison between the team and the national authorities of the country (or countries) whose cooperation is essential to the investigation.

2.3.1 Preliminary Activities

The international authority should:

- notify and assemble the experts and supporting personnel;
- check for completeness of equipment and supplies (assuming these are stockpiled);
- dispatch the investigating team and equipment to a "holding point" in a neighbouring country (this may or may not be considered desirable);
- instruct the team to decide in advance on individual responsibilities and distribution of tasks;
- arrange for the team to practice basic drills and procedures, time permitting;
- obtain clearances for personnel, equipment, supplies and samples;
- arrange a local cease-fire, if necessary, to take effect at a specific time for a specific period, and ensure secure