

of fissionable materials for weapons was stopped, future production of this material would only be for peaceful civilian purposes. This development would make it possible for the nuclear-weapons states to accept the same IAEA safeguards required of non-nuclear-weapons states under the Non-Proliferation Treaty, since there would be few military secrets to protect. If this occurs, it would remove one of the irritating features of the NPT for many non-nuclear weapons states - i.e. discrimination in the application of safeguards. Special precautions would need to be taken to prevent secrets about uranium enrichment from being disclosed but these need not be much different from present IAEA precautions to prevent disclosure of the technical and commercial secrets of peaceful nuclear facilities. "If additional verification procedures were required to ensure that uranium-enrichment and plutonium-reprocessing plants in the nuclear-weapons states were not being used to produce fissionable material for nuclear weapons, these procedures would be a necessary concomitant of the great nuclear capabilities of the nuclear-weapons states and would not detract from the essential equity of the treaty, as long as the safeguards on the nuclear weapons states were no less thorough or effective than those on the non-nuclear weapons states" (p. 49).