

Procedure for requesting a fact-finding mission

The further contents of Article IX remain to be elaborated. \*/ \*\*/ \*\*\*/

\*/ The text in Annex III of the Report of Working Group C contained in CD/CW/WP.149 dealing with procedures for challenge inspection in its present form in some instances has narrowed down differences. In the view of many delegations the text reflects the current stage of negotiations. It requires further substantive work. Other material on fact-finding and challenge inspection can be found in documents CD/294, CD/334, CD/416, CD/443, CD/500, CD/539, CD/664, CD/685, CD/715, CD/CW/WP.120 and CD/CW/WP.136.

\*\*/ Many delegations felt that the text contained in Annex III of the Report of Working Group C, which is the product of intensive negotiations and consultations during the 1986 session, should have been duly included in the final report of the Ad Hoc Committee. They deeply regretted, therefore, that lack of consensus prevented the Committee from doing so and were of the view that such text should be the basis for future work on the crucial issue of challenge inspection.

\*\*\*/ In the opinion of other delegations, differences between positions on challenge inspection are still great, and the current state of negotiations on this issue is reflected in the many proposals that have been put forth.