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1. **Arms Control Problem:**
Chemical weapons - use.
2. **Verification Type:**
 - (a) On-site inspection - selective
- challenge
- sampling
 - (b) International control organization
 - (c) Non-physical/psychological inspection
3. **Source:**

Norway. "Working Paper: Verification of Alleged Use of Chemical Warfare Agents Under Winter Conditions". CD/601, 20 June 1985.

See also: - Series of Norwegian working papers: CD/311, 11 August 1982 (See abstract C111(G82)); CD/396, 19 July 1983 (see abstract C111(G82)); CD/508 and CD/509, 15 June 1984; CD/598 and CD/600, 20 June 1985; CD/702, 16 June 1986.

- Abstract C111(G82).
4. **Summary:**

In this working paper, Norway proposes procedures which could be used by a fact-finding team (under the Consultative Committee established by a chemical weapons convention) when investigating the alleged use of chemical weapons under winter conditions. The procedures are based on the results of Norway's field experiments (see documents CD/311, CD/396, CD/508, CD/509, CD/598 and CD/600).

The fact-finding team should undertake on-site inspections on challenge to verify or disprove the use of chemical warfare agents. The team should consist of:

 - (1) a military expert,
 - (2) a chemist,
 - (3) a medically qualified person,
 - (4) an interpreter,
 - (5) an explosive ordinance disposal expert, and, in some circumstances,
 - (6) a sociologist, ethnologist or cultural anthropologist with knowledge of the people living near the target area and their cultural characteristics.

The team should collect snow samples and blood and tissue samples from people claiming to be victims of a chemical attack. The team should also interview alleged victims. A portable vapour detector may give a general indication of the area from which snow samples should be taken. The government of the country being inspected should identify the area to be inspected. Control samples should be taken from outside the contaminated area for comparison. The investigation should be conducted as soon as possible, and no later than four weeks after a report of alleged use has been received by the Consultative Committee.

An annex to the paper proposes a list of equipment for the inspection team.