

The Technical Secretariat's main duties then are of two kinds: those which are of either an archival or information-processing type; and those relating to inspection functions.

2.2 Specific Views

This section contains national views, presented in working papers, which deal to some extent with the functioning and organization of the Consultative Committee and the Technical Secretariat. Duties and responsibilities proposed for the Consultative Committee will directly affect those of the Technical Secretariat. Working papers which deal with specific aspects of on-site inspection also give an indication of the responsibilities of the Technical Secretariat.

In 1983 the United States⁶ presented their views on the functions of the Consultative Committee. It should be responsible for conducting on-site inspection of:

- declared stockpiles, on an agreed basis;
- destruction of stocks, on a continuous basis until destruction is complete;
- closure and destruction of declared production and filling facilities, at an agreed level until the facilities are destroyed;
- permitted small-scale production and facilities for super-toxic lethal chemicals for protective purposes, at an agreed level for as long as the facility is maintained for this purpose;
- production for permitted purposes, of specified types of chemicals which are deemed to pose a particular risk, on a random basis and at an agreed level.

Additionally, the Consultative Committee would conduct ad hoc on-site inspections agreed among two or more parties, if so requested.

6 CD/343, United States of America, "United States Detailed Views on the Contents of a Chemical Weapons Ban," 10 February 1983, p. 6.