

Verification 1/

Aim

4. The aim of the measures stipulated in Article VI, paragraph 6 shall be to verify that:

- (i) facilities declared under this Annex are not used to produce any chemical listed in Schedule [I]. 2/
- (ii) the quantities of chemicals listed in Schedule [2] produced, processed or consumed are consistent with needs for purposes not prohibited by the Chemical Weapons Convention. 3/
- (iii) the chemicals listed in Schedule [2] are not diverted or used for purposes prohibited by the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Obligation and Frequency

5. (i) Each facility notified to the [international authority] under this Annex shall be subject to systematic international on-site inspection on a routine basis.
- (ii) The number, intensity, duration, timing and mode of inspections for a particular facility shall be based on the risk to the objectives of the Convention posed by the relevant chemical, the characteristics of the facility and the nature of the activities carried out there. The guidelines to be used shall include: (to be developed). 4/ 5/

1/ Some of the provisions contained in this section have general application throughout the Convention. It is understood that the retention of these will be reviewed at a later stage in the negotiations.

2/ It was suggested that "or for any other purposes prohibited by the Convention" should be added.

3/ Opinions were expressed on the need to consider the question of the existence in a facility of excessive capacity for the production of chemicals in Schedule [2].

4/ It was noted that a "weighted approach" might be taken in determining the inspection régime for specific chemicals. The importance of establishing a threshold(s) in this context was also noted. It was mentioned that a threshold(s) should relate to "military significant quantities" of the relevant chemical(s).

5/ There was general agreement that the guidelines should stipulate the main elements relevant to the basic features of the facility. A view was expressed that one of the guidelines might provide that inspections will usually be carried out at a time when the facility inspected is operating in the normal way. The view was also expressed that this approach would be inconsistent with the language of paragraph 6.