

extend the above Steering Committee to form an Advisory Committee by adding:

Department of National Defence;
Industry, Science and Technology Canada;
Agriculture Canada; and
Department of Health and Welfare.

OBJECTIVE OF A NATIONAL AUTHORITY

The objective of Canada's National Authority may be simply stated: to ensure that it can provide evidence to an International Authority that Canada is in full compliance with its obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention. This means that it has to be set up under an appropriate legal structure by which its authority and areas of responsibility are clearly delineated.

It must have the authority to collect the necessary data both on chemicals and facilities as specified in the Chemical Weapons Convention. It must be able to deal with inspectors involved in routine inspections of industry, with challenge inspection and other potential methods of inspection. It must also have the authority to require the emplacement of instruments for monitoring purposes, in those instances specified under the Convention.