

CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION NATIONAL AUTHORITY

Canada will forward its next Declarations (for 1997) at the end of March 1998, and its anticipated 1999 Declarations by the beginning of October 1998. The conclusion of a Facility Agreement for Canada's Single Small Scale Facility and a further inspection of it, along with the conclusion of a bilateral agreement with the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons on privileges and immunities, are expected in 1998.

Canada's implementing legislation and associated regulations will be promulgated as a package, once sufficient domestic consultations have been held, and congruence with domestic law and practice is ensured.

Major Ian MacVicar checks an OPCW inspector's equipment kit.



The Canadian National Authority will continue contributing to the development of international agreement on a number of unresolved Industry Declarations issues, such as the definition of mixtures to be declared, the methodology for calculating Aggregate National Data, and the facilitation of transfer procedures for non-threatening quantities of saxitoxin. Canada's Industry Declarations software might become the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) standard.

The Deputy Director General of the Defence Research Establishment in Suffield, Alberta, presents the OPCW team leader with a plaque commemorating the Initial Inspection.

