

Proposed Approach to Ad Hoc Verification

- A. It is necessary to supplement the framework for routine inspection as contained in the draft Convention (CD/961) in order to provide a means for routine monitoring of chemical production facilities that are capable of producing chemicals on Schedules 1, 2 or 3, but which do not currently do so and are, therefore, not covered by the declaration and monitoring régimes of Schedules 1, 2 and 3.
- B. Each Party should be obliged to provide a national register of facilities on its territory for production of chemicals. The Register would include all plant sites, whether civil or military, based on agreed characteristics which, to the extent possible, should be defined so that plant sites that pose no risk to the objectives of the Chemical Weapons Convention are excluded from the Register.
- C. Ad hoc visits could be requested for any plant site on the National Register, including declared facilities for production of Schedules 1, 2 or 3 chemicals. The inspection procedures would be designed to verify the absence of undeclared production of chemicals that are listed on Schedules 1, 2 and 3.
- D. The ad hoc visit would be conducted on-site by a team of inspectors from the Technical Secretariat. As for other routine inspections, access would be mandatory and within agreed time frames. No national of a requesting Party would be present as an Inspector or Observer, except by consent of the Party receiving the visit. The results of the visit would be treated in the same manner as the results of other types of routine inspections.
- E. Each Party would have a limit on the total number of ad hoc visits that it could request annually, (similarly, there would be a limit on the total number of ad hoc visits that could be requested annually by the Technical Secretariat.) It is for consideration whether there would also be a limit to the number of ad hoc visits that a Party would have to receive.
- F. Ad hoc visits could be requested only for plant sites that have been placed on the National Register. Cases where a State Party has concerns about plant sites that it believes should have been placed on the National Register of another Party, but were not, could be resolved through the procedures specified in Article IX. A Party whose facility has been questioned shall be obliged to co-operate in resolving the issue.

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