

- (5) Issues relating to action that State Parties to a convention could be required to take:
 - (a) Some held that means of/facilities for production should be destroyed, dismantled or converted to peaceful uses. Others, expressing concern about the verification problem involved, were of the opinion that all means of production should be destroyed.
 - (b) Differing views were expressed on the content of the declaration of existing stocks and the declaration of plans for the destruction of such stocks, as well as on their timing, including whether these declarations should be made before, at the time or after a convention came into force.
 - (c) Differing views were also expressed on the content of the declaration of plans for the disposition of means of/facilities for production and filling facilities, as well as on their timing, including whether these declarations should be made before, at the time or after a convention came into force.
- (6) Issues concerning the exceptions that could be allowed under a convention:
 - (a) There was a divergence of views on whether an exception for protection purposes should be allowed under a convention. A view was expressed that the exception of "protective measures" may create serious problems of verification and control.
 - (b) The issue of what specific riot control agents would be excepted was not discussed.
 - (c) It was pointed out that any exception which would be allowed would have to be clearly and precisely defined.

B. Verification

(1) General approach

Opinions differed as to what would be a realistic verification system which responded adequately to the requirements of a convention, since a totally effective verification system, while desirable, appeared to be technically unattainable. Some held that an effective convention called for very stringent verification measures, while others felt that less stringent measures could suffice and still meet the requirements of a reasonable verification system. Since the different aspects of verification were related to the scope of the prohibition and other aspects of a convention, some delegations withheld their comments on this issue for the time being.