

## PREFACE

This paper was first published in May 1990 for distribution to Canadian government agencies in order to promote discussion on issues related to the proposed Chemical Weapons Convention. At this stage of the negotiations, it was considered necessary to have a better understanding of the organizational requirements at the international level. This paper attempts to provide a model costing of the international organization required by Article VIII and by the verification provisions of Articles III, IV, V, VI and IX of the "rolling text" (CD/961). The study involves a number of explicit assumptions about sites, numbers of inspectors, the duration of inspections, and unit costs. This allows the development of an overall cost of an inspectorate based on the present requirements of the rolling text and, at the same time, is suggestive of additional costs to be incurred if other inspection modalities are added to the inspectorate's tasks.

The paper was written by a consultant from the University of Saskatchewan in conjunction with the Verification Research Unit of External Affairs and International Trade Canada. The paper makes an estimate of the approximate size and cost of an International Inspectorate and is offered to stimulate further discussion and debate on the financial implications of the proposed verification regimes. It does not necessarily reflect the views of the Canadian government.