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3. The purpose of an international onsite inspection is purely fact-finding and the International Inspection Team shall not make any assessment as to the nature of the inspected event. The Inspection Team shall present a factual report of the observations made during the inspection. This report shall as far as possible present the consensus view of the participating experts. In case consensus cannot be achieved, the report shall reflect the views of all the participating experts.

The report shall be made available to all Parties to the Treaty through the Consultative Committee.

4. (This paragraph should contain a specification of the techniques to be used and the procedures to be followed when conducting on-site inspections. As these issues have not been properly discussed, there is at present no basis for preparing an appropriate text. To facilitate further discussions some more or less intrusive techniques are presented that might be considered in connection with onsite inspections. More technical data must be collected and compiled on the various inspection techniques and their potential usefulness. Rules and procedures have to be worked out for the conduct of these inspections, for the selection and the acceptance or refusal of more intrusive techniques and for the transportation of people and material.

The following inspection techniques might be useful to consider:

- visual inspection from the air and on the ground including rules and procedures for taking photographs;
- measurement of radioactive radiation in the atmosphere above the area, at ground level and in waters;
- temporary seismological measurements in the area to record possible aftershocks and also events at larger distances to improve the possibilities to interpret the recordings of the event that led to the inspection;
- seismological reflection measurements, in limited areas, to provide data for detection of possible subsurface activities;
- measurement of temperature anomalies;
- drilling and measurements in boreholes to obtain subsurface data at selected points.)

5. If the Party which receives the request does not agree to the inspection of the requested area or part of it, it shall provide the reasons for its decision.

6. As stated in Article IV, paragraph 4, of this Treaty, a Party conducting a large nonnuclear explosion may invite an inspection at the site of the explosion. An Inspection team, established as in paragraph 2 of this Protocol and headed by an officer of the Secretariat of the Consultative Committee, containing experts, shall be established. The privileges and immunities of members of this Inspection Team shall be the same as specified in paragraph 2 of this Protocol. The Inspection Team shall be present before the explosion takes place and stay until the explosion has been conducted. Only visual observations shall be made. The Inspection Team shall provide a factual report of the observations during the inspection. This report shall be distributed to all Parties to the Treaty.

PROTOCOL III

The Consultative Committee, its functions and rules of procedures

1. A Consultative Committee shall be established to oversee the over-all functioning of the Treaty and its verification arrangements. The Consultative Committee shall also serve as a forum to discuss and resolve disputes concerning the Treaty and its verification arrangements which might occur between Parties to the Treaty. The Consultative Committee and its subsidiary bodies, the Technical Expert Group and the Secretariat shall be established when the Treaty enters into force.

In performing its duties the Consultative Committee shall:

- oversee the implementation of the Treaty;
- prepare review conferences in accordance with Article VII of this Treaty;
- review the verification arrangements of the Treaty on the basis of material provided by the Technical Expert Group and the Secretariat;
- decide on changes in the equipment and technical procedures used to verify compliance with the Treaty;
- be a forum in which any Party can make inquiries and receive information as a result of such inquiries;
- be a forum in which any Party can request an international on-site inspection and the factual results of such inspections are presented;
- guide and oversee the work of the Technical Expert Group and the Secretariat;