

- (iii) The level of reassurance and deterrence would be further enhanced by the mandatory nature of the inspection request and to the very short advance warning.
- (iv) The targeted nature of the system would enable the vast numbers of facilities involved to be subjected to verification at a high level of cost-effectiveness.
- (v) The annual quota available to each State Party and the absence of expressed doubts about compliance would give the system a routine character.

12. The attached table gives an overview of the inspection framework including Ad Hoc Inspection.

13. The United Kingdom delegation much welcomes the serious consideration being given in the Conference on Disarmament to the problem posed by shortcomings of the inspection framework. Constructive suggestions have been made by several delegations and more may well be forthcoming. All options deserve to be considered carefully. The United Kingdom delegation hopes that the alternative idea of Ad Hoc Inspections described in this paper will contribute to the ongoing search for a solution which will help to ensure an effective verification régime for the future Convention banning chemical weapons.