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# The Structure and Content of Agreements Between the Agency and States Required in Connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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## Part I

### BASIC UNDERTAKING

1. The Agreement should contain, in accordance with Article III.1 of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons ), an undertaking by the State to accept safeguards, in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, on all source or special fissionable material in all peaceful nuclear activities within its territory, under its jurisdiction or carried out under its control anywhere, for the exclusive purpose of verifying that such material is not diverted to nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

### APPLICATION OF SAFEGUARDS

2. The Agreement should provide for the Agency's right and obligation to ensure that safeguards will be applied, in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, on all source or special fissionable material in all peaceful nuclear activities within the territory of the State, under its jurisdiction or carried out under its control anywhere, for the exclusive purpose of verifying that such material is not diverted to nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

### CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE AGENCY AND THE STATE

3. The Agreement should provide that the Agency and the State shall co-operate to facilitate the implementation of the safeguards provided for therein

### IMPLEMENTATION OF SAFEGUARDS

4. The Agreement should provide that safeguards shall be implemented in a manner designed:
  - a. To avoid hampering the economic and technological development of the State or international co-operation in the field of peaceful nuclear activities, including international exchange *nuclear material* 2);
  - b. To avoid undue interference in the State's peaceful nuclear activities, and in particular in the operation of *facilities*; and

- c. To be consistent with prudent management practices required for the economic and safe conduct of nuclear activities.
5. The Agreement should provide that the Agency shall take every precaution to protect commercial and industrial secrets and other confidential information coming to its knowledge in the implementation of the Agreement. The Agency shall not publish or communicate to any State, organization or person any information obtained by it in connection with the implementation of the Agreement, except that specific information relating to such implementation in the State may be given to the Board of Governors and to such Agency staff members as require such knowledge by reason of their official duties in connection with safeguards, but only to the extent necessary for the Agency to fulfil its responsibilities in implementing the Agreement. Summarized information on *nuclear material* being safeguarded by the Agency under the Agreement may be published upon decision of the Board if the States directly concerned agree.
  6. The Agreement should provide that in implementing safeguards pursuant thereto the Agency shall take full account of technological developments in the field of safeguards, and shall make every effort to ensure optimum cost-effectiveness and the application of the principle of safeguarding effectively the flow of *nuclear material* subject to safeguards under the Agreement by use of instruments and other techniques at certain strategic points to the extent that present or future technology permits. In order to ensure optimum cost-effectiveness, use should be made, for example, of such means as:
    - a. Containment as a means of defining *material balance areas* for accounting purposes;
    - b. Statistical techniques and random sampling in evaluating the flow of *nuclear material*; and
    - c. Concentration of verification procedures on those stages in the nuclear fuel cycle involving the production, processing, use or storage of nuclear material from which nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices could readily be made, and minimization of verification procedures in respect of other nuclear material, on condition that this does not hamper the Agency in applying safeguards under the Agreement.

## **NATIONAL SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTING FOR AND CONTROL OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL**

7. The Agreement should provide that the State shall establish and maintain a system of accounting for and control of all nuclear material subject to safeguards under the Agreement, and that such safeguards shall be applied in such a manner as to enable the Agency to verify, in ascertaining that there has been no diversion of nuclear material from peaceful uses to nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, findings of the State's system. The Agency's verification shall include, inter alia, independent measurements and observations conducted by the Agency in accordance with the procedures specified in Part II below. The Agency, in its verification, shall take due account of the technical effectiveness of the State's system.

## **PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO THE AGENCY**

8. The Agreement should provide that to ensure the effective implementation of safeguards thereunder the Agency shall be provided, in accordance with the provisions set out in Part II below, with information concerning *nuclear material* subject to safeguards under the Agreement and the features

of *facilities* relevant to safeguarding such material. The Agency shall require only the minimum amount of information and data consistent with carrying out its responsibilities under the Agreement. Information pertaining to *facilities* shall be the minimum necessary for safeguarding *nuclear material* subject to safeguards under the Agreement. In examining design information, the Agency shall, at the request of the State, be prepared to examine on premises of the State design information which the State regards as being of particular sensitivity. Such information would not have to be physically transmitted to the Agency provided that it remained available for ready further examination by the Agency on premises of the State.

## **AGENCY INSPECTORS**

9. The Agreement should provide that the State shall take the necessary steps to ensure that Agency inspectors can effectively discharge their functions under the Agreement. The Agency shall secure the consent of the State to the designation of Agency inspectors to that State. If the State, either upon proposal of a designation or at any other time after a designation has been made, objects to the designation, the Agency shall propose to the State an alternative designation or designations. The repeated refusal of a State to accept the designation of Agency inspectors which would impede the inspections conducted under the Agreement would be considered by the Board upon referral by the Director General with a view to appropriate action. The visits and activities of Agency inspectors shall be so arranged as to reduce to a minimum the possible inconvenience and disturbance to the State and to the peaceful nuclear activities inspected, as well as to ensure protection of industrial secrets or any other confidential information coming to the inspectors' knowledge.

## **PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES**

10. The Agreement should specify the privileges and immunities which shall be granted to the Agency and its staff in respect of their functions under the Agreement. In the case of a State party to the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the Agency), the provisions thereof, as in force for such State, shall apply. In the case of other States, the privileges and immunities granted should be such as to ensure that:
  - a. The Agency and its staff will be in a position to discharge their functions under the Agreement effectively; and
  - b. No such State will be placed thereby in a more favourable position than States party to the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the Agency.

## **TERMINATION OF SAFEGUARDS**

### ***Consumption or dilution of nuclear material***

11. The Agreement should provide that safeguards shall terminate on nuclear material subject to safeguards thereunder upon determination by the Agency that it has been consumed, or has been diluted in such a way that it is no longer usable for any nuclear activity relevant from the point of view of safeguards, or has become practicably irrecoverable.

### ***Transfer of nuclear material out of the State***

12. The Agreement should provide, with respect to nuclear material subject to safeguards thereunder, for notification of transfers of such material out of the State, in accordance with the provisions set out in paragraphs 92--94 below. The Agency shall terminate safeguards under the Agreement on nuclear material when the recipient State has assumed responsibility therefor, as provided for in paragraph 91. The Agency shall maintain records indicating each transfer and, where applicable, the re-application of safeguards to the transferred nuclear material.

***Provisions relating to nuclear material to be used in non-nuclear activities***

13. The Agreement should provide that if the State wishes to use *nuclear material* subject to safeguards thereunder in non-nuclear activities, such as the production of alloys or ceramics, it shall agree with the Agency on the circumstances under which the safeguards on such *nuclear material* may be terminated

***NON-APPLICATION OF SAFEGUARDS TO NUCLEAR MATERIAL TO BE USED IN NON-PEACEFUL ACTIVITIES***

14. The Agreement should provide that if the State intends to exercise its discretion to use nuclear material which is required to be safeguarded thereunder in a nuclear activity which does not require the application of safeguards under the Agreement, the following procedures will apply:
  - a. The State shall inform the Agency of the activity, making it clear:
    - i. That the use of the *nuclear material* in a non-proscribed military activity will not be in conflict with an undertaking the State may have given and in respect of which Agency safeguards apply, that the *nuclear material* will be used only in a peaceful nuclear activity; and
    - ii. That during the period of non-application of safeguards the *nuclear material* will not be used for the production of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;
  - b. The Agency and the State shall make an arrangement so that, only while the *nuclear material* is in such an activity, the safeguards provided for in the Agreement will not be applied. The arrangement shall identify, to the extent possible, the period or circumstances during which safeguards will not be applied. In any event, the safeguards provided for in the Agreement shall again apply as soon as the *nuclear material* is reintroduced into a peaceful nuclear activity. The Agency shall be kept informed of the total quantity and composition of such unsafeguarded *nuclear material* in the State and of any exports of such material; and
  - c. Each arrangement shall be made in agreement with the Agency. The Agency's agreement shall be given as promptly as possible; it shall only relate to the temporal and procedural provisions, reporting arrangements, etc., but shall not involve any approval or classified knowledge of the military activity or relate to the use of the *nuclear material* therein.

**FINANCE**

15. The Agreement should contain one of the following sets of provisions:

- a. An agreement with a Member of the Agency should provide that each party thereto shall bear the expense it incurs in implementing its responsibilities thereunder. However, if the State or persons under its jurisdiction incur extraordinary expenses as a result of a specific request by the Agency, the Agency shall reimburse such expenses provided that it has agreed in advance to do so. In any case the Agency shall bear the cost of any additional measuring or sampling which inspectors may request; or
- b. An agreement with a party not a Member of the Agency should in application of the provisions of Article XIV.C of the Statute, provide that the party shall reimburse fully to the Agency the safeguards expenses the Agency incurs thereunder. However, if the party or persons under its jurisdiction incur extraordinary expenses as a result of a specific request by the Agency, the Agency shall reimburse such expenses provided that it has agreed in advance to do so.

### **THIRD PARTY LIABILITY FOR NUCLEAR DAMAGE**

16. The Agreement should provide that the State shall ensure that any protection against third party liability in respect of nuclear damage, including any insurance or other financial security, which may be available under its laws or regulations shall apply to the Agency and its officials for the purpose of the implementation of the Agreement, in the same way as that protection applies to nationals of the State.

### **INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

17. The Agreement should provide that any claim by one party thereto against the other in respect of any damage, other than damage arising out of a nuclear incident, resulting from the implementation of safeguards under the Agreement, shall be settled in accordance with international law.

### **MEASURES IN RELATION TO VERIFICATION OF NON-DIVERSION**

18. The Agreement should provide that if the Board, upon report of the Director General, decides that an action by the State is essential and urgent in order to ensure verification that nuclear material subject to safeguards under the Agreement is not diverted to nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices the Board shall be able to call upon the State to take the required action without delay, irrespective of whether procedures for the settlement of a dispute have been invoked.
19. The Agreement should provide that if the Board upon examination of relevant information reported to it by the Director General finds that the Agency is not able to verify that there has been no diversion of *nuclear material* required to be safeguarded under the Agreement to nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, it may make the reports provided for in paragraph C of Article XII of the Statute and may also take, where applicable, the other measures provided for in that paragraph. In taking such action the Board shall take account of the degree of assurance provided by the safeguards measures that have been applied and shall afford the State every reasonable opportunity to furnish the Board with any necessary reassurance.

### **INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION OF THE AGREEMENT AND SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

20. The Agreement should provide that the parties thereto shall, at the request of either, consult about any

question arising out of the interpretation or application thereof.

21. The Agreement should provide that the State shall have the right to request that any question arising out of the interpretation or application thereof be considered by the Board; and that the State shall be invited by the Board to participate in the discussion of any such question by the Board.
22. The Agreement should provide that any dispute arising out of the interpretation or application thereof except a dispute with regard to a finding by the Board under paragraph 19 above or an action taken by the Board pursuant to such a finding which is not settled by negotiation or another procedure agreed to by the parties should, on the request of either party, be submitted to an arbitral tribunal composed as follows: each party would designate one arbitrator, and the two arbitrators so designated would elect a third, who would be the Chairman. If, within 30 days of the request for arbitration, either party has not designated an arbitrator, either party to the dispute may request the President of the International Court of Justice to appoint an arbitrator. The same procedure would apply if, within 30 days of the designation or appointment of the second arbitrator, the third arbitrator had not been elected. A majority of the members of the arbitral tribunal would constitute a quorum, and all decisions would require the concurrence of two arbitrators. The arbitral procedure would be fixed by the tribunal. The decisions of the tribunal would be binding on both parties.

## **FINAL CLAUSES**

### ***Amendment of the Agreement***

23. The Agreement should provide that the parties thereto shall, at the request of either of them, consult each other on amendment of the Agreement. All amendments shall require the agreement of both parties. It might additionally be provided, if convenient to the State, that the agreement of the parties on amendments to Part II of the Agreement could be achieved by recourse to a simplified procedure. The Director General shall promptly inform all Member States of any amendment to the Agreement.

### **Suspension of application of Agency safeguards under other agreements**

24. Where applicable and where the State desires such a provision to appear, the Agreement should provide that the application of Agency safeguards in the State under other safeguards agreements with the Agency shall be suspended while the Agreement is in force. If the State has received assistance from the Agency for a project, the State's undertaking in the Project Agreement not to use items subject thereto in such a way as to further any military purpose shall continue to apply.

### **Entry into force and duration**

25. The Agreement should provide that it shall enter into force on the date on which the Agency receives from the State written notification that the statutory and constitutional requirements for entry into force have been met. The Director General shall promptly inform all Member States of the entry into force.
26. The Agreement should provide for it to remain in force as long as the State is party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons).

## **PART II**

## INTRODUCTION

27. The Agreement should provide that the purpose of Part II thereof is to specify the procedures to be applied for the implementation of the safeguards provisions of Part I.

## OBJECTIVE OF SAFEGUARDS

28. The Agreement should provide that the objective of safeguards is the timely detection of diversion of significant quantities of *nuclear material* from peaceful nuclear activities to the manufacture of nuclear weapons or of other nuclear explosive devices or for purposes unknown, and deterrence of such diversion by the risk of early detection.
29. To this end the Agreement should provide for the use of material accountancy as a safeguards measure of fundamental importance, with containment and surveillance as important complementary measures.
30. The Agreement should provide that the technical conclusion of the Agency's verification activities shall be a statement, in respect of each *material balance area*, of the amount of material unaccounted for over a specific period, giving the limits of accuracy of the amounts stated.

## NATIONAL SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTING FOR AND CONTROL OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL

31. The Agreement should provide that pursuant to paragraph 7 above the Agency, in carrying out its verification activities, shall make full use of the State's system of accounting for and control of all nuclear material subject to safeguards under the Agreement, and shall avoid unnecessary duplication of the State's accounting and control activities.
32. The Agreement should provide that the State's system of accounting for and control of all nuclear material subject to safeguards under the Agreement shall be based on a structure of *material balance areas*, and shall make provision as appropriate and specified in the Subsidiary Arrangements for the establishment of such measures as:
- a. A measurement system for the determination of the quantities of *nuclear material* received, produced, shipped, lost or otherwise removed from inventory, and the quantities on inventory;
  - b. The evaluation of precision and accuracy of measurements and the estimation of measurement uncertainty;
  - c. Procedures for identifying, reviewing and evaluating differences in shipper/receiver measurements;
  - d. Procedures for taking a *physical inventory*
  - e. Procedures for the evaluation of accumulations of unmeasured inventory and unmeasured losses;
  - f. A system of records and reports showing, for each *material balance area*, the inventory of *nuclear material* and the changes in that inventory including receipts into and transfers out of

the *material balance area*;

- g. Provisions to ensure that the accounting procedures and arrangements are being operated correctly; and
- h. Procedures for the provisions of reports to the Agency in accordance with paragraphs 59--69 below.

### **STARTING POINT OF SAFEGUARDS**

- 33. The Agreement should provide that safeguards shall not apply thereunder to material in mining or ore processing activities.
- 34. The Agreement should provide that:
  - a. When any material containing uranium or thorium which has not reached the stage of the nuclear fuel cycle described in sub-paragraph (c) below is directly or indirectly exported to a non-nuclear-weapon State, the State shall inform the Agency of its quantity, composition and destination, unless the material is exported for specifically non-nuclear purposes;
  - b. When any material containing uranium or thorium which has not reached the stage of the nuclear fuel cycle described in sub-paragraph (c) below is imported, the State shall inform the Agency of its quantity and composition, unless the material is imported for specifically non-nuclear purposes; and
  - c. When any *nuclear material* of a composition and purity suitable for fuel fabrication or for being isotopically enriched leaves the plant or the process stage in which it has been produced, or when such *nuclear material*, or any other *nuclear material* produced at a later stage in the nuclear fuel cycle, is imported into the State, the *nuclear material* shall become subject to the other safeguards procedures specified in the Agreement.

### **TERMINATION OF SAFEGUARDS**

- 35. The Agreement should provide that safeguards shall terminate on *nuclear material* subject to safeguards thereunder under the conditions set forth in paragraph 11 above. Where the conditions of that paragraph are not met, but the State considers that the recovery of safeguarded *nuclear material* from residues is not for the time being practicable or desirable, the Agency and the State shall consult on the appropriate safeguards measures to be applied. It should further be provided that safeguards shall terminate on *nuclear material* subject to safeguards under the Agreement under the conditions set forth in paragraph 13 above, provided that the State and the Agency agree that such *nuclear material* is practicably irrecoverable.

### **EXEMPTIONS FROM SAFEGUARDS**

- 36. The Agreement should provide that the Agency shall, at the request of the State, exempt *nuclear material* from safeguards, as follows:
  - a. Special fissionable material, when it is used in gram quantities or less as a sensing component in instruments;



- b. *nuclear material*, when it is used in non-nuclear activities in accordance with paragraph 13 above, if such nuclear material is recoverable; and
  - c. Plutonium with an isotopic concentration of plutonium-238 exceeding 80%.
37. The Agreement should provide that *nuclear material* that would otherwise be subject to safeguards shall be exempted from safeguards at the request of the State, provided that nuclear material so exempted in the State may not at any time exceed:
- a. One kilogram in total of special fissionable material, which may consist of one or more of the following:
    - i. Plutonium;
    - ii. Uranium with an *enrichment* of 0.2 (209 ) and above, taken account of by multiplying its weight by its *enrichment*; and
    - iii. Uranium with an *enrichment* below 0.2 (209 ) and above that of natural uranium, taken account of by multiplying its weight by five times the square of its *enrichment*;
  - b. Ten metric tons in total of natural uranium and depleted uranium with an *enrichment* above 0.005 (0.59 );
  - c. Twenty metric tons of depleted uranium with an *enrichment* of 0.005 (0.59 ) or below; and
  - d. Twenty metric tons of thorium; or such greater amounts as may be specified by the Board of Governors for uniform application.
38. The Agreement should provide that if exempted nuclear material is to be processed or stored together with safeguarded *nuclear material*, provision should be made for the re-application of safeguards thereto.

## **SUBSIDIARY ARRANGEMENTS**

39. The Agreement should provide that the Agency and the State shall make Subsidiary Arrangements which shall specify in detail, to the extent necessary to permit the Agency to fulfil its responsibilities under the Agreement in an effective and efficient manner, how the procedures laid down in the Agreement are to be applied. Provision should be made for the possibility of an extension or change of the Subsidiary Arrangements by agreement between the Agency and the State without amendment of the Agreement.
40. It should be provided that the Subsidiary Arrangements shall enter into force at the same time as, or as soon as possible after, the entry into force of the Agreement. The State and the Agency shall make every effort to achieve their entry into force within 90 days of the entry into force of the Agreement, a later date being acceptable only with the agreement of both parties. The State shall provide the Agency promptly with the information required for completing the Subsidiary Arrangements. The Agreement should also provide that, upon its entry into force, the Agency shall be entitled to apply the procedures laid down therein in respect of the *nuclear material* listed in the inventory provided for in

paragraph 41 below.

## **INVENTORY**

41. The Agreement should provide that, on the basis of the initial report referred to in paragraph 62 below, the Agency shall establish a unified inventory of all *nuclear material* in the State subject to safeguards under the Agreement, irrespective of its origin, and maintain this inventory on the basis of subsequent reports and of the results of its verification activities. Copies of the inventory shall be made available to the State at agreed intervals.

## **DESIGN INFORMATION**

### ***General***

42. Pursuant to paragraph 8 above, the Agreement should stipulate that design information in respect of existing *facilities* shall be provided to the Agency during the discussion of the Subsidiary Arrangements, and that the time limits for the provision of such information in respect of new *facilities* shall be specified in the Subsidiary Arrangements. It should further be stipulated that such information shall be provided as early as possible before *nuclear material* is introduced into a new *facility*.
43. The Agreement should specify that the design information in respect of each *facility* to be made available to the Agency shall include, when applicable:
  - a. The identification of the *facility*, stating its general character, purpose, nominal capacity and geographic location, and the name and address to be used for routine business purposes;
  - b. A description of the general arrangement of the *facility* with reference, to the extent feasible, to the form, location and flow of nuclear material and to the general layout of important items of equipment which use, produce or process *nuclear material*;
  - c. A description of features of the *facility* relating to material accountancy, containment and surveillance; and
  - d. A description of the existing and proposed procedures at the *facility* for *nuclear material* accountancy and control, with special reference to *material balance areas* established by the operator, measurements of flow and procedures for physical inventory taking.
44. The Agreement should further provide that other information relevant to the application of safeguards shall be made available to the Agency in respect of each *facility*, in particular on organizational responsibility for material accountancy and control. It should also be provided that the State shall make available to the Agency supplementary information on the health and safety procedures which the Agency shall observe and with which the inspectors shall comply at the *facility*.
45. The Agreement should stipulate that design information in respect of a modification relevant for safeguards purposes shall be provided for examination sufficiently in advance for the safeguards procedures to be adjusted when necessary.

### **Purposes of examination of design information**

46. The Agreement should provide that the design information made available to the Agency shall be used for the following purposes:
- a. To identify the features of *facilities* and nuclear material relevant to the application of safeguards to nuclear material in sufficient detail to facilitate verification;
  - b. To determine *material balance areas* to be used for Agency accounting purposes and to select those *strategic points* which are *key measurement points* and which will be used to determine the *nuclear material* flows and inventories; in determining such *material balance area* the Agency shall, inter alia, use the following criteria:
    - i. The size of the *material balance area* should be related to the accuracy with which the material balance can be established;
    - ii. In determining the material balance area advantage should be taken of any opportunity to use containment and surveillance to help ensure the completeness of flow measurements and thereby simplify the application of safeguards and concentrate measurement efforts at *key measurement points*;
    - iii. A number of *material balance area* in use at a *facility* or at distinct sites may be combined in one material balance area to be used for Agency accounting purposes when the Agency determines that this is consistent with its verification requirements; and
    - iv. If the State so requests, a special material balance area around a process step involving commercially sensitive information may be established;
  - c. To establish the nominal timing and procedures for taking of *physical inventory* for Agency accounting purposes;
  - d. To establish the records and reports requirements and records evaluation procedures;
  - e. To establish requirements and procedures for verification of the quantity and location of *nuclear material*; and
  - f. To select appropriate combinations of containment and surveillance methods and techniques and the *strategic points* at which they are to be applied. It should further be provided that the results of the examination of the design information shall be included in the Subsidiary Arrangements.

### **Re-examination of design information**

47. The Agreement should provide that design information shall be re-examined in the light of changes in operating conditions, of developments in safeguards technology or of experience in the application of verification procedures, with a view to modifying the action the Agency has taken pursuant to paragraph 46 above.

### **Verification of design information**

48. The Agreement should provide that the Agency, in co-operation with the State, may send inspectors to *facilities* to verify the design information provided to the Agency pursuant to paragraphs 42--45 above for the purposes stated in paragraph 46.

### **INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL OUTSIDE FACILITIES**

49. The Agreement should provide that the following information concerning *nuclear material* customarily used outside *facilities* shall be provided as applicable to the Agency:
- a. A general description of the use of the *nuclear material*, its geographic location, and the user's name and address for routine business purposes;
  - b. A general description of the existing and proposed procedures for *nuclear material* accountability and control, including organizational responsibility for material accountability and control. The Agreement should further provide that the Agency shall be informed on a timely basis of any change in the information provided to it under this paragraph.
50. The Agreement should provide that the information made available to the Agency in respect of *nuclear material* customarily used outside *facilities* may be used, to the extent relevant, for the purposes set out in subparagraphs 46(b) (f) above.

### **RECORDS SYSTEM**

#### ***General***

51. The Agreement should provide that in establishing a national system of accounting for and control of *nuclear material* as referred to in paragraph 7 above, the State shall arrange that records are kept in respect of each *material balance area*. Provision should also be made that the Subsidiary Arrangements shall describe the records to be kept in respect of each *material balance area*.
52. The Agreement should provide that the State shall make arrangements to facilitate the examination of records by inspectors, particularly if the records are not kept in English, French, Russian or Spanish.
53. The Agreement should provide that the records shall be retained for at least five years.
54. The Agreement should provide that the records shall consist, as appropriate, of:
- a. Accounting records of all *nuclear material* subject to safeguards under the Agreement; and
  - b. Operating records for *facilities* containing such nuclear material.
55. The Agreement should provide that the system of measurements on which the records used for the preparation of reports are based shall either conform to the latest international standards or be equivalent in quality to such standards.

#### **Accounting records**

56. The Agreement should provide that the accounting records shall set forth the following in respect of each material balance area:

- a. All *inventory changes*, so as to permit a determination of the book inventory at any time;
  - b. All measurement results that are used for determination of the *physical inventory*, and
  - c. All adjustments and *corrections* that have been made in respect of *inventory changes*, *book inventories* and *physical inventories*.
57. The Agreement should provide that for all *inventory changes* and *physical inventories* the records shall show, in respect of each *batch of nuclear material*: material identification, *batch* data and *source data*. Provision should further be included that records shall account for uranium, thorium and plutonium separately in each *batch of nuclear material*. Furthermore, the date of the *inventory change* and, when appropriate, the originating *material balance area* and the receiving material balance area or the recipient, shall be indicated for each *inventory change*.

### **Operating records**

58. 58. The Agreement should provide that the operating records shall set forth as appropriate in respect of each material balance area:
- a. Those operating data which are used to establish changes in the quantities and composition of *nuclear material*,
  - b. The data obtained from the calibration of tanks and instruments and from sampling and analyses, the procedures to control the quality of measurements and the derived estimates of random and systematic error;
  - c. A description of the sequence of the actions taken in preparing for, and in taking, a *physical inventory* in order to ensure that it is correct and complete; and
  - d. A description of the actions taken in order to ascertain the cause and magnitude of any accidental or unmeasured loss that might OCCur.

### **REPORTS SYSTEM**

#### ***General***

59. The Agreement should specify that the State shall provide the Agency with reports as detailed in paragraphs 60--69 below in respect of *nuclear material* subject to safeguards thereunder.
60. The Agreement should provide that reports shall be made in English, French, Russian or Spanish, except as otherwise specified in the Subsidiary Arrangements.
61. The Agreement should provide that reports shall be based on the records kept in accordance with paragraphs 51--58 above and shall consist, as appropriate, of accounting reports and special reports.

#### **Accounting reports**

62. The Agreement should stipulate that the Agency shall be provided with an initial report on all *nuclear*

*material* which is to be subject to safeguards thereunder. It should also be provided that the initial report shall be dispatched by the State to the Agency within 30 days of the last day of the calendar month in which the Agreement enters into force, and shall reflect the situation as of the last day of that month.

63. The Agreement should stipulate that for each material balance area the State shall provide the Agency with the following accounting reports:
  - a. *inventory change* reports showing changes in the inventory of *nuclear material*. The reports shall be dispatched as soon as possible and in any event within 30 days after the end of the month in which the *inventory changes* occurred or were established; and
  - b. Material balance reports showing the material balance based on a *physical inventory* of *nuclear material* actually present in the *material balance area*. The reports shall be dispatched as soon as possible and in any event within 30 days after the *physical inventory* has been taken. The reports shall be based on data available as of the date of reporting and may be corrected at a later date as required.
64. The Agreement should provide that *inventory change* reports shall specify identification and *batch* data for each *batch* of *nuclear material* the date of the inventory change and, as appropriate, the originating *material balance area* and the receiving *material balance area* or the recipient. These reports shall be accompanied by concise notes:
  - a. Explaining the *inventory changes* on the basis of the operating data contained in the operating records provided for under subparagraph 58(a) above; and
  - b. Describing, as specified in the Subsidiary Arrangements, the anticipated operational programme, particularly the taking of a *physical inventory*.
65. The Agreement should provide that the State shall report each *inventory change adjustment* and *correction* either periodically in a consolidated list or individually. The *inventory changes* shall be reported in terms of batches; small amounts, such as analytical samples, as specified in the Subsidiary Arrangements, may be combined and reported as one *inventory change*.
66. The Agreement should stipulate that the Agency shall provide the State with semi-annual statements of book inventory of *nuclear material* subject to safeguards, for each material balance area as based on the *inventory change* reports for the period covered by each such statement.
67. The Agreement should specify that the material balance reports shall include the following entries, unless otherwise agreed by the Agency and the State:
  - a. Beginning physical inventory;
  - b. *inventory changes* (first increases, then decreases);
  - c. Ending book inventory;
  - d. Shipper/receiver differences;

- e. Adjusted ending book inventory
- f. Ending *physical inventory*; and
- g. Material unaccounted for.

A statement of the *physical inventory* listing all batches separately and specifying material identification and *batch data* for each *batch* shall be attached to each material balance report.

### **Special reports**

68. The Agreement should provide that the State shall make special reports without delay
- a. If any unusual incident or circumstances lead the State to believe that there is or may have been loss of nuclear material that exceeds the limits to be specified for this purpose in the Subsidiary Arrangements; or
  - b. If the containment has unexpectedly changed from that specified in the Subsidiary Arrangements to the extent that unauthorized removal of *nuclear material* has become possible.

### **Amplification and clarification of reports**

69. The Agreement should provide that at the Agency's request the State shall supply amplifications or clarifications of any report, in so far as relevant for the purpose of safeguards.

## **INSPECTIONS**

### ***General***

70. The Agreement should stipulate that the Agency shall have the right to make inspections as provided for in paragraphs 71--82 below.

### **Purposes of inspections**

71. The Agreement should provide that the Agency may make ad hoc inspections in order to:
- a. Verify the information contained in the initial report on the nuclear material subject to safeguards under the Agreement;
  - b. Identify and verify changes in the situation which have occurred since the date of the initial report; and
  - c. Identify, and if possible verify the quantity and composition of, nuclear material in accordance with paragraphs 93 and 96 below, before its transfer out of or upon its transfer into the State.
72. The Agreement should provide that the Agency may make routine inspections in order to:
- a. Verify that reports are consistent with records;

- b. Verify the location, identity, quantity and composition of all *nuclear material* subject to safeguards under the Agreement; and
  - c. Verify information on the possible causes of material unaccounted for Shipper/receiver differences and uncertainties in the book inventory.
73. The Agreement should provide that the Agency may make special inspections subject to the procedures laid down in paragraph 77 below:
- a. In order to verify the information contained in special reports; or
  - b. If the Agency considers that information made available by the State, including explanations from the State and information obtained from routine inspections, is not adequate for the Agency to fulfil its responsibilities under the Agreement. An inspection shall be deemed to be special when it is either additional to the routine inspection effort provided for in paragraphs 78--82 below, or involves access to information or locations in addition to the access specified in paragraph 76 for ad hoc and routine inspections, or both.

### Scope of inspections

74. The Agreement should provide that for the purposes stated in paragraphs 71--73 above the Agency may:
- a. Examine the records kept pursuant to paragraphs 51--58;
  - b. Make independent measurements of all *nuclear material* subject to safeguards under the Agreement;
  - c. Verify the functioning and calibration of instruments and other measuring and control equipment;
  - d. Apply and make use of surveillance and containment measures; and
  - e. Use other objective methods which have been demonstrated to be technically feasible.
75. It should further be provided that within the scope of paragraph 74 above the Agency shall be enabled:
- a. To observe that samples at *key measurement points* for material balance accounting are taken in accordance with procedures which produce representative samples, to observe the treatment and analysis of the samples and to obtain duplicates of such samples;
  - b. To observe that the measurements of *nuclear material* at *key measurement points* for material balance accounting are representative, and to observe the calibration of the instruments and equipment involved;
  - c. To make arrangements with the State that, if necessary:
    - i. Additional measurements are made and additional samples taken for the Agency's use;



- ii. The Agency's standard analytical samples are analysed;
  - iii. Appropriate absolute standards are used in calibrating instruments and other equipment;  
and
  - iv. Other calibrations are carried out;
- d. To arrange to use its own equipment for independent measurement and surveillance, and if so agreed and specified in the Subsidiary Arrangements, to arrange to install such equipment;
  - e. To apply its seals and other identifying and tamper-indicating devices to containments, if so agreed and specified in the Subsidiary Arrangements; and
  - f. To make arrangements with the State for the shipping of samples taken for the Agency's use.

### **Access for inspections**

76. The Agreement should provide that:

- a. For the purposes specified in sub-paragraphs 71(a) and (b) above and until such time as the *strategic points* have been specified in the Subsidiary Arrangements, the Agency's inspectors shall have access to any location where the initial report or any inspections carried out in connection with it indicate that *nuclear material* is present;
- b. For the purposes specified in sub-paragraph 71(c) above the inspectors shall have access to any location of which the Agency has been notified in accordance with sub-paragraphs 92(c) or 95(c) below;
- c. For the purposes specified in paragraph 72 above the Agency's inspectors shall have access only to the strategic points specified in the Subsidiary Arrangements and to the records maintained pursuant to paragraphs 51--58; and
- d. In the event of the State concluding that any unusual circumstances require extended limitations on access by the Agency, the State and the Agency shall promptly make arrangements with a view to enabling the Agency to discharge its safeguards responsibilities in the light of these limitations. The Director General shall report each such arrangement to the Board.

77. The Agreement should provide that in circumstances which may lead to special inspections for the purposes specified in paragraph 73 above the State and the Agency shall consult forthwith. As a result of such consultations the Agency may make inspections in addition to the routine inspection effort provided for in paragraphs 78--82 below, and may obtain access in agreement with the State to information or locations in addition to the access specified in paragraph 76 above for ad hoc and routine inspections. Any disagreement concerning the need for additional access shall be resolved in accordance with paragraphs 21 and 22; in case action by the State is essential and urgent, paragraph 18 above shall apply.

### **Frequency and intensity of routine inspections**

78. The Agreement should provide that the number, intensity, duration and timing of routine inspections shall be kept to the minimum consistent with the effective implementation of the safeguards procedures set forth therein, and that the Agency shall make the optimum and most economical use of available inspection resources.
79. The Agreement should provide that in the case of *facilities* and material balance areas outside *facilities* with a content or annual throughput whichever is greater, of *nuclear material* not exceeding five effective kilograms routine inspections shall not exceed one per year. For other *facilities* the number, intensity, duration, timing and mode of inspections shall be determined on the basis that in the maximum or limiting case the inspection regime shall be no more intensive than is necessary and sufficient to maintain continuity of knowledge of the flow and inventory of nuclear material.
80. The Agreement should provide that the maximum routine inspection effort in respect of *facilities* with a content or annual throughput of nuclear material exceeding five effective kilograms shall be determined as follows:
- For reactors and sealed stores, the maximum total of routine inspection per year shall be determined by allowing one sixth of a man-year of inspection for each such *facility* in the State;
  - For other *facilities* involving plutonium or uranium enriched to more than 5%, the maximum total of routine inspection per year shall be determined by allowing for each such *facility*  $30 \times \sqrt{E}$  man-days of inspection per year, where E is the inventory or annual throughput of *nuclear material* whichever is greater, expressed in effective kilograms. The maximum established for any such *facility* shall not, however, be less than 1.5 man-years of inspection; and
  - For all other *facilities* the maximum total of routine inspection per year shall be determined by allowing for each such *facility* one third of a man-year of inspection plus  $0.4 \times \sqrt{E}$  man-days of inspection per year, where E is the inventory or annual throughput of *nuclear material* whichever is greater, expressed in effective kilograms. The Agreement should further provide that the Agency and the State may agree to amend the maximum figures specified in this paragraph upon determination by the Board that such amendment is reasonable.
81. Subject to paragraphs 78--80 above the criteria to be used for determining the actual number, intensity, duration, timing and mode of routine inspections of any *facility* shall include:
- The form of *nuclear material* in particular, whether the material is in bulk form or contained in a number of separate items; its chemical composition and, in the case of uranium, whether it is of low or high *enrichment*; and its accessibility;
  - The effectiveness of the State's accounting and control system, including the extent to which the operators of *facilities* are functionally independent of the State's accounting and control system; the extent to which the measures specified in paragraph 32 above have been implemented by the State; the promptness of reports submitted to the Agency; their consistency with the Agency independent verification; and the amount and accuracy of the material unaccounted for as verified by the Agency;
  - Characteristics of the State's nuclear fuel cycle, in particular, the number and types of *facilities* containing nuclear material subject to safeguards, the characteristics of such *facilities* relevant

to safeguards, notably the degree of containment; the extent to which the design of such *facilities* facilitates verification of the flow and inventory of *nuclear material*; and the extent to which information from different *material balance areas* can be correlated;

- d. International interdependence, in particular, the extent to which *nuclear material* is received from or sent to other States for use or processing; any verification activity by the Agency in connection therewith; and the extent to which the State's nuclear activities are interrelated with those of other States; and
- e. Technical developments in the field of safeguards, including the use of statistical techniques and random sampling in evaluating the flow of *nuclear material*.

82. The Agreement should provide for consultation between the Agency and the State if the latter considers that the inspection effort is being deployed with undue concentration on particular *facilities*.

### **Notice of inspections**

83. The Agreement should provide that the Agency shall give advance notice to the State before arrival of inspectors at *facilities* or *material balance areas* outside *facilities*, as follows:

- a. For ad hoc inspections pursuant to sub-paragraph 71(c) above, at least 24 hours, for those pursuant to sub-paragraphs 71(a) and (b), as well as the activities provided for in paragraph 48, at least one week;
- b. For special inspections pursuant to paragraph 73 above, as promptly as possible after the Agency and the State have consulted as provided for in paragraph 77, it being understood that notification of arrival normally will constitute part of the consultations; and
- c. For routine inspections pursuant to paragraph 72 above, at least 24 hours in respect of the *facilities* referred to in sub-paragraph 80(b) and sealed stores containing plutonium or uranium enriched to more than 59 , and one week in all other cases. Such notice of inspections shall include the names of the inspectors and shall indicate the *facilities* and the material balance area outside *facilities* to be visited and the periods during which they will be visited. If the inspectors are to arrive from outside the State the Agency shall also give advance notice of the place and time of their arrival in the State.

84. However, the Agreement should also provide that, as a supplementary measure, the Agency may carry out without advance notification a portion of the routine inspections pursuant to paragraph 80 above in accordance with the principle of random sampling. In performing any unannounced inspections, the Agency shall fully take into account any operational programme provided by the State pursuant to paragraph 64(b). Moreover, whenever practicable, and on the basis of the operational programme, it shall advise the State periodically of its general programme of announced and unannounced inspections, specifying the general periods when inspections are foreseen. In carrying out any unannounced inspections, the Agency shall make every effort to minimize any practical difficulties for *facility* operators and the State, bearing in mind the relevant provisions of paragraphs 44 above and 89 below. Similarly the State shall make every effort to facilitate the task of the inspectors.

### **Designation of inspectors**

85. The Agreement should provide that:
- a. The Director General shall inform the State in writing of the name, qualifications, nationality, grade and such other particulars as may be relevant, of each Agency official he proposes for designation as an inspector for the State;
  - b. The State shall inform the Director General within 30 days of the receipt of such a proposal whether it accepts the proposal;
  - c. The Director General may designate each official who has been accepted by the State as one of the inspectors for the State, and shall inform the State of such designations; and
  - d. The Director General, acting in response to a request by the State or on his own initiative, shall immediately inform the State of the withdrawal of the designation of any official as an inspector for the State. The Agreement should also provide, however, that in respect of inspectors needed for the purposes stated in paragraph 48 above and to carry out ad hoc inspections pursuant to sub-paragraphs 71(a) and (b) the designation procedures shall be completed if possible within 30 days after the entry into force of the Agreement. If such designation appears impossible within this time limit, inspectors for such purposes shall be designated on a temporary basis.
86. The Agreement should provide that the State shall grant or renew as quickly as possible appropriate visas, where required for each inspector designated for the State.

### **Conduct and visits of inspectors**

87. The Agreement should provide that inspectors, in exercising their functions under paragraphs 48 and 71--75 above, shall carry out their activities in a manner designed to avoid hampering or delaying the construction, commissioning or operation of *facilities*, or affecting their safety. In particular inspectors shall not operate any *facility* themselves or direct the staff of a *facility* to carry out any operation. If inspectors consider that in pursuance of paragraphs 74 and 75, particular operations in a *facility* should be carried out by the operator, they shall make a request therefor.
88. When inspectors require services available in the State, including the use of equipment, in connection with the performance of inspections, the State shall facilitate the procurement of such services and the use of such equipment by inspectors.
89. The Agreement should provide that the State shall have the right to have inspectors accompanied during their inspections by representatives of the State, provided that inspectors shall not thereby be delayed or otherwise impeded in the exercise of their functions.

### **STATEMENTS ON THE AGENCY'S VERIFICATION ACTIVITIES**

90. The Agreement should provide that the Agency shall inform the State of:
- a. The results of inspections, at intervals to be specified in the Subsidiary Arrangements; and
  - b. The conclusions it has drawn from its verification activities in the State, in particular by means of statements in respect of each *material balance area* which shall be made as soon as possible

after a physical inventory has been taken and verified by the Agency and a material balance has been struck.

## INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS

### *General*

91. The Agreement should provide that *nuclear material* subject or required to be subject to safeguards thereunder which is transferred internationally shall, for purposes of the Agreement, be regarded as being the responsibility of the State:
- a. In the case of import, from the time that such responsibility ceases to lie with the exporting State, and no later than the time at which the *nuclear material* reaches its destination; and
  - b. In the case of export, up to the time at which the recipient State assumes such responsibility, and no later than the time at which the *nuclear material* reaches its destination. The Agreement should provide that the States concerned shall make suitable arrangements to determine the point at which the transfer of responsibility will take place. No State shall be deemed to have such responsibility for *nuclear material* merely by reason of the fact that the *nuclear material* is in transit on or over its territory or territorial waters, or that it is being transported under its flag or in its aircraft.

### **Transfers out of the State**

92. The Agreement should provide that any intended transfer out of the State of safeguarded *nuclear material* in an amount exceeding one effective kilogram or by successive shipments to the same State within a period of three months each of less than one effective kilogram but exceeding in total one effective kilogram shall be notified to the Agency after the conclusion of the contractual arrangements leading to the transfer and normally at least two weeks before the *nuclear material* is to be prepared for shipping. The Agency and the State may agree on different procedures for advance notification. The notification shall specify:
- a. The identification and, if possible, the expected quantity and composition of the *nuclear material* to be transferred, and the *material balance area* from which it will come;
  - b. The State for which the *nuclear material* is destined;
  - c. The dates on and locations at which the *nuclear material* is to be prepared for shipping;
  - d. The approximate dates of dispatch and arrival of the *nuclear material*; and
  - e. At what point of the transfer the recipient State will assume responsibility for the *nuclear material* and the probable date on which this point will be reached.
93. The Agreement should further provide that the purpose of this notification shall be to enable the Agency if necessary to identify, and if possible verify the quantity and composition of, nuclear material subject to safeguards under the Agreement before it is transferred out of the State and, if the Agency so wishes or the State so requests, to affix seals to the *nuclear material* when it has been prepared for shipping. However, the transfer of the *nuclear material* shall not be delayed in any way

by any action taken or contemplated by the Agency pursuant to this notification.

94. The Agreement should provide that, if the *nuclear material* will not be subject to Agency safeguards in the recipient State, the exporting State shall make arrangements for the Agency to receive, within three months of the time when the recipient State accepts responsibility for the *nuclear material* from the exporting State, confirmation by the recipient State of the transfer.

### **Transfers into the State**

95. The Agreement should provide that the expected transfer into the State of *nuclear material* required to be subject to safeguards in an amount greater than one effective kilogram or by successive shipments from the same State within a period of three months each of less than one effective kilogram but exceeding in total one effective kilogram shall be notified to the Agency as much in advance as possible of the expected arrival of the *nuclear material* and in any case not later than the date on which the recipient State assumes responsibility therefor. The Agency and the State may agree on different procedures for advance notification. The notification shall specify:
- a. The identification and, if possible, the expected quantity and composition of the *nuclear material*;
  - b. At what point of the transfer responsibility for the nuclear material will be assumed by the State for the purposes of the Agreement, and the probable date on which this point will be reached; and
  - c. The expected date of arrival, the location to which the nuclear material is to be delivered and the date on which it is intended that the *nuclear material* should be unpacked.
96. The Agreement should provide that the purpose of this notification shall be to enable the Agency if necessary to identify, and if possible verify the quantity and composition of, *nuclear material* subject to safeguards which has been transferred into the State, by means of inspection of the consignment at the time it is unpacked. However, unpacking shall not be delayed by any action taken or contemplated by the Agency pursuant to this notification.

### **Special reports**

97. The Agreement should provide that in the case of international transfers a special report as envisaged in paragraph 68 above shall be made if any unusual incident or circumstances lead the State to believe that there is or may have been loss of *nuclear material* including the occurrence of significant delay during the transfer.

### **DEFINITIONS**

98. "Adjustment" means an entry into an accounting record or a report showing a shipper/ receiver difference or material unaccounted for.
99. Annual throughput means, for the purposes of paragraphs 79 and 80 above, the amount of *nuclear material* transferred annually out of a *facility* working at nominal capacity.
100. "Batch" means a portion of *nuclear material* handled as a unit for accounting purposes at a key

measurement point and for which the composition and quantity are defined by a single set of specifications or measurements. The *nuclear material* may be in bulk form or contained in a number of separate items.

101. "Batch data means the total weight of each element of *nuclear material* and, in the case of plutonium and uranium, the isotopic composition when appropriate. The units of account shall be as follows:
- a. Grams of contained plutonium;
  - b. Grams of total uranium and grams of contained uranium-235 plus uranium-233 for uranium enriched in these isotopes; and
  - c. Kilograms of contained thorium, natural uranium or depleted uranium.

For reporting purposes the weights of individual items in the *batch* shall be added together before rounding to the nearest unit.

102. "Book inventory of a *material balance area* means the algebraic sum of the most recent *physical inventory* of that *material balance area* and of all *inventory changes* that have occurred since that *physical inventory* was taken.
103. "Correction" means an entry into an accounting record or a report to rectify an identified mistake or to reflect an improved measurement of a quantity previously entered into the record or report. Each *correction* must identify the entry to which it pertains.
104. "Effective kilogram" means a special unit used in safeguarding *nuclear material*. The quantity in "effective kilograms" is obtained by taking:
- a. For plutonium, its weight in kilograms;
  - b. For uranium with an *enrichment* of 0.01 (19 %) and above, its weight in kilograms multiplied by the square of its *enrichment*;
  - c. For uranium with an *enrichment* below 0.01 (1 %) and above 0.005 (0.5 %), its weight in kilograms multiplied by 0.0001; and
  - d. For depleted uranium with an *enrichment* of 0.005 (0.59 %) or below, and for thorium, its weight in kilograms multiplied by 0.00005.

105. "Enrichment" means the ratio of the combined weight of the isotopes uranium-233 and uranium-235 to that of the total uranium in question.

106. "Facility" means:
- a. A reactor, a critical *facility*, a conversion plant, a fabrication plant, a reprocessing plant, an isotope separation plant or a separate storage installation; or
  - b. Any location where *nuclear material* in amounts greater than one effective kilogram is customarily used.

107. Inventory change" means an increase or decrease, in terms of batches, of *nuclear material* in a *material balance area*; such a change shall involve one of the following:
- a. Increases:
    - i. Import;
    - ii. Domestic receipt: receipts from other material balance areas, receipts from a non-safeguarded (non-peaceful) activity or receipts at the starting point of safeguards;
    - iii. Nuclear production: production of special fissionable material in a reactor; and
    - iv. De-exemption: reapplication of safeguards on nuclear material previously exempted therefrom on account of its use or quantity.
  - b. Decreases:
    - i. Export;
    - ii. Domestic shipment: shipments to other material balance areas or shipments for a non-safeguarded (non-peaceful) activity;
    - iii. Nuclear loss: loss of *nuclear material* due to its transformation into other element(s) or isotope(s) as a result of nuclear reactions;
    - iv. Measured discard: *nuclear material* which has been measured, or estimated on the basis of measurements, and disposed of in such a way that it is not suitable for further nuclear use;
    - v. Retained waste: *nuclear material* generated from processing or from an operational accident, which is deemed to be unrecoverable for the time being but which is stored;
    - vi. Exemption: exemption of *nuclear material* from safeguards on account of its use or quantity; and
    - vii. Other loss: for example, accidental loss (that is, irretrievable and inadvertent loss of nuclear mater al as the result of an operational accident) or theft.
108. "Key measurement point" means a location where nuclear mater al appears in such a form that it may be measured to determine material flow or inventory. "Key measurement points" thus include, but are not limited to, the inputs and outputs (including measured discards) and storages in material balance areas.
109. "Man-year of inspection" means, for the purposes of paragraph 80 above, 300 man-days of inspection, a man-day being a day during which a single inspector has access to a *facility* at any time for a total of not more than eight hours.
110. Material balance area" means an area in or outside of a *facility* such that:



- a. The quantity of *nuclear material* in each transfer into or out of each "material balance area" can be determined; and
- b. The *physical inventory of nuclear material* in each *material balance area*" can be determined when necessary, in accordance with specified procedures, in order that the material balance for Agency safeguards purposes can be established .

111. "Material unaccounted for" means the difference between book inventory and *physical inventory*.
112. "*nuclear material* means any source or any special fissionable material as defined in Article XX of the Statute. The term source material shall not be interpreted as applying to ore or ore residue. Any determination by the Board under Article XX of the Statute after the entry into force of this Agreement which adds to the materials considered to be source material or special fissionable material shall have effect under this Agreement only upon acceptance by the State.
113. "Physical inventory" means the sum of all the measured or derived estimates of *batch* quantities of *nuclear material* on hand at a given time within a *material balance area* obtained in accordance with specified procedures.
114. "Shipper/receiver difference means the difference between the quantity of *nuclear material* in a *batch* as stated by the shipping *material balance area* and as measured at the receiving *material balance area*.
115. "Source data" means those data, recorded during measurement or calibration or used to derive empirical relationships, which identify nuclear material and provide *batch data*. Source data may include, for example, weight of compounds, conversion factors to determine weight of element, specific gravity, element concentration, isotopic ratios, relationship between volume and manometer readings and relationship between plutonium produced and power generated.
116. "Strategic point" means a location selected during examination of design information where, under normal conditions and when combined with the information from all "strategic points" taken together, the information necessary and sufficient for the implementation of safeguards measures is obtained and verified; a "strategic point" may include any location where key measurements related to material balance accountancy are made and where containment and surveillance measures are executed.
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