VOLUNTARY HOSTING OF VISITS TO MILITARY INSTALLATIONS TO ENHANCE CONFIDENCE

In order to help to enhance confidence, Participants are encouraged to invite, at their discretion, other Participants to designate personnel accredited to the host State or other representatives to take part in visits to military installations on the territory of the host State.

At the time invitations are issued, the host State will communicate to other Participants its intention to host the visit, the military installations to be visited, the states invited and the general arrangements to be adopted.

Invitations will be extended to Participants 42 days or more in advance of the visit. The invitation will indicate a preliminary programme, including place, date and time of assembly; planned duration; languages to be used; arrangements for the board, lodging and transportation; equipment permitted to be used during the visit; and any other information that may be considered useful.

For purposes of convenience and planning, replies, indicating whether or not the invitation is accepted, will be given no later than 21 days after the issue of the invitation. Participants accepting an invitation will provide the names and ranks of the visitors in their replies. If the invitation is not accepted in time, it will be assumed that no visitors will be sent.

The invited State may decide whether to send military and/or civilian visitors, including personnel accredited to the host State. Military visitors will normally wear their uniforms and insignia during the visit.

The host State will determine the programme for the visit and access granted to the visitors. The visitors will follow the instructions issued by the host State.

The visitors will be provided with appropriate accommodation in a location suitable for carrying out the visit.

The invited State will cover the cost of travel expenses for its representatives to and from the place of assembly specified in the invitation.

Host States should, in due cooperation with the visitors, ensure that no action is taken which could be harmful to the safety of the visitors.