

Revisiting the On-site Inspection (OSI) Concept of Operations in Light of Integrated Field Exercise 2014 (IFE14) and Inspection Team Functionality

At the end of March 1999 work on the OSI Concept of Operations was transitioned to work on the OSI Operational Manual. The Concept of Operations document was compiled in CTBT/PTS/INF.136, "Compilation of Work on the Draft Concept of Operations for a CTBT OSI." The ideas expressed in the Concept of Operations have continued to guide the PTS OSI Program and Operational Manual. IFE14 successfully demonstrated the current state of the OSI regime, as it utilized the Inspection Team Functionality process for the decisions concerning activities as factually and data driven as possible. We will examine the progress made in light of the OSI vision of OSI conduct proposed by the State Signatories from 1998-1999 while formulating the OSI Concept of Operations, highlighting the differences and the similarities between vision and achievement.

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