

Russian Federation initiative to strengthen the BTWC

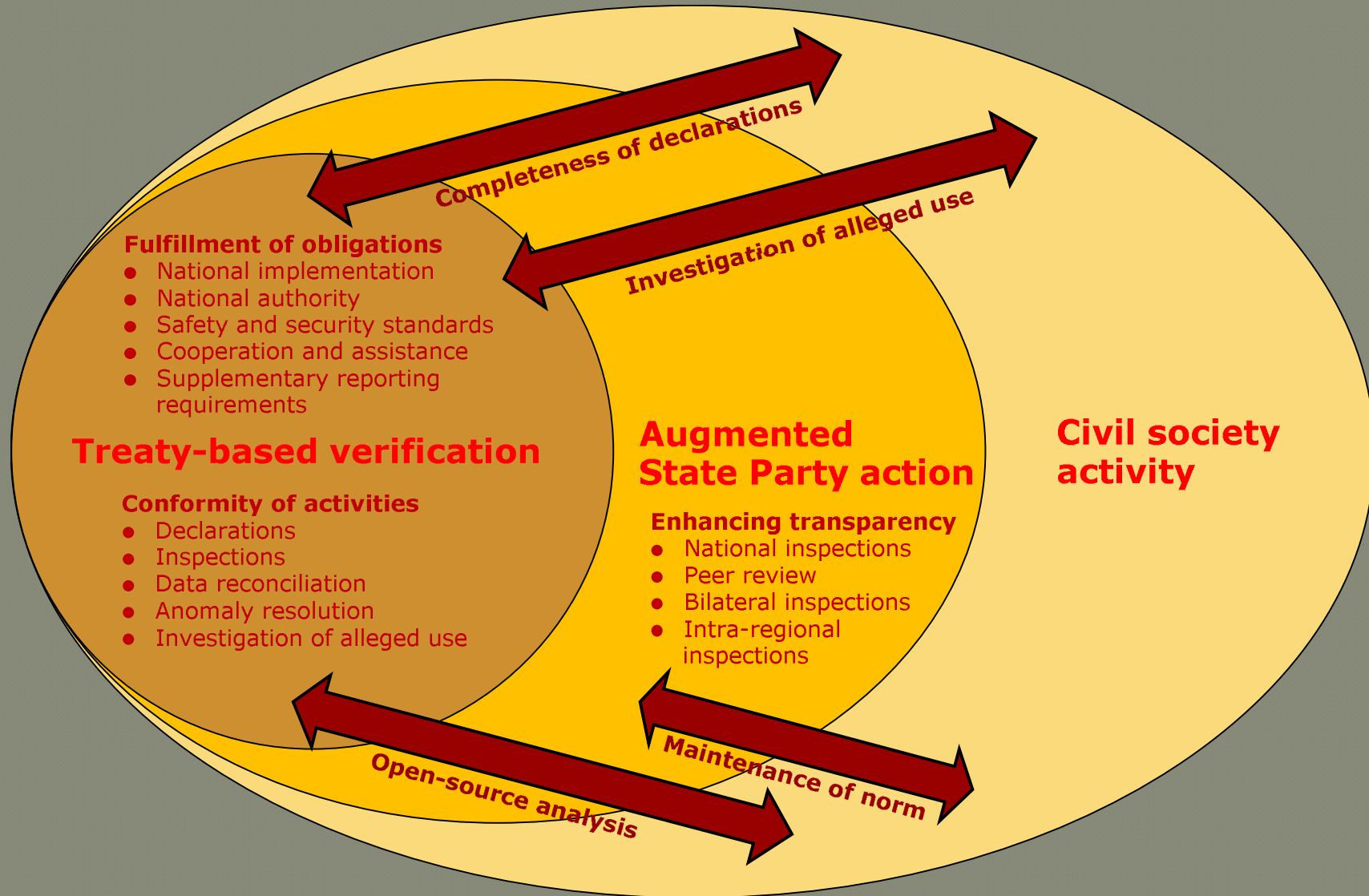
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Stakeholder roles in CWC



Formal verification

➤ Centrality of international organisation

- Division of labour between IO and individual states parties
- Verification of activities
- Verification of treaty obligations (e.g., implementation legislation)
- Investigation of alleged use of prohibited weapons in armed conflict

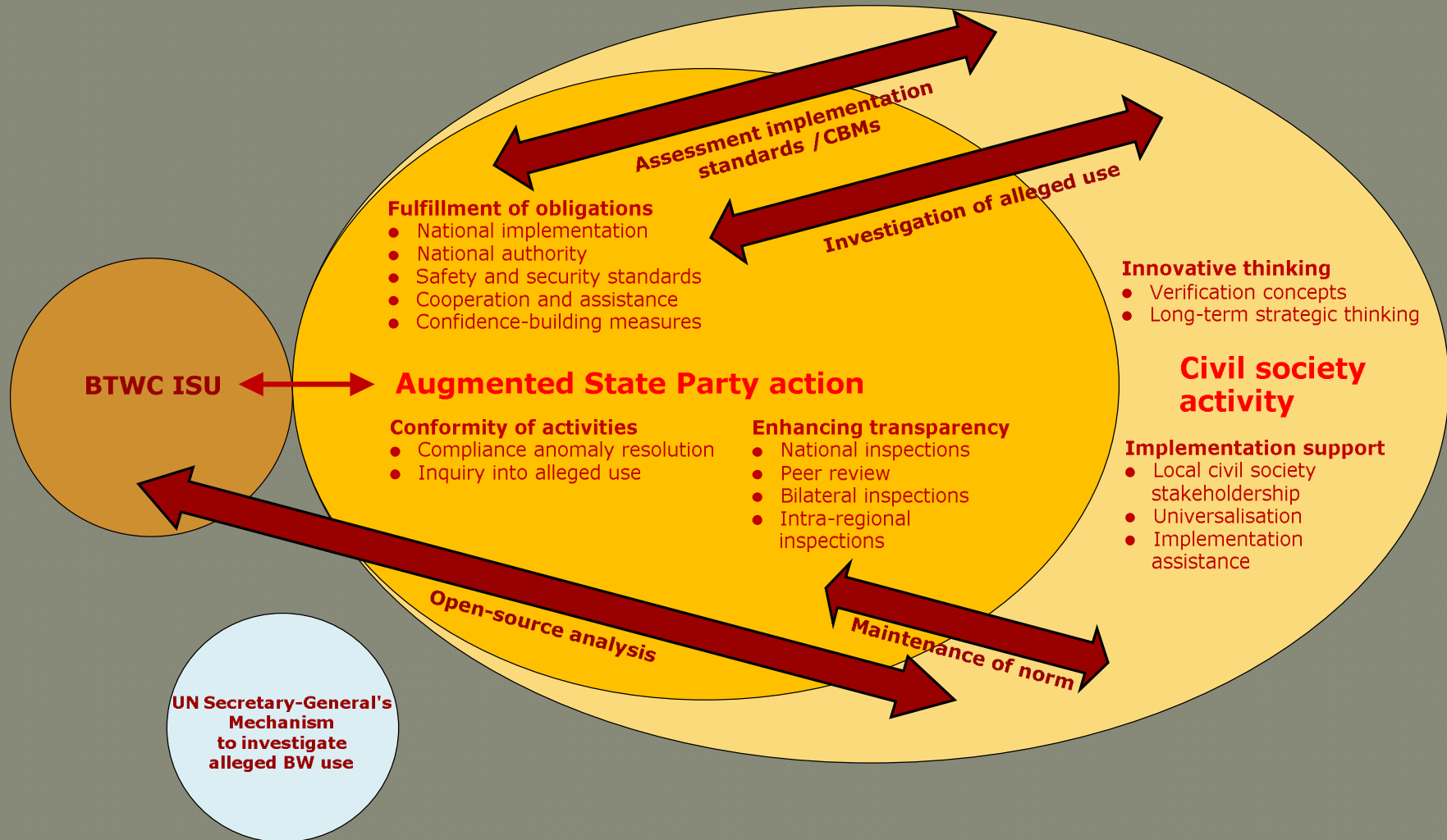
➤ States can enhance the verification system

- On bilateral or regional basis
 - Supplementary verification activities
 - Assistance
- Open sources and national intelligence
 - Options for bilateral consultations or action through IO

➤ Civil society: supplementary roles

- Analysis and reporting on national compliance
- Open source analysis and reporting
- Raising concerns about the integrity of the norm (e.g., incapacitants & CWC)

Stakeholder roles in BTWC transparency regime



Verification in the BTWC context

- All transparency-related activities originate with the states parties
 - No formal verification system
 - Confidence-building measures (CBMs)
 - Can be undertaken bilaterally (with reporting to state party meetings)
 - No sanction if a state party remains passive
 - Investigation of alleged use
 - UN Secretary-General retains full autonomy to initiate an investigation
 - States Parties have possibility to consult with each other in case of compliance concerns (Art. V), but retain right to take complaint to UN Security Council (Art. VI, 1)
- No international organisation
 - *Implementation Support Unit (ISU)* assists states parties with meetings, coordinates CBM collection and facilitates interactions between states parties in areas such as cooperation and assistance
 - ISU is part of UNODA, not an independent structure
- Triple role for civil society possible
 - Similar functions as with formal verification system
 - Active involvement in universalisation and implementation assistance, including building local civil society activity
 - Innovative thinking on future of the BTWC, including options for a formal verification system