

7. ARTICLE IX

States Parties shall:

- (i) consult and cooperate on matters relating to the implementation of this Convention;
- (ii) make every effort to resolve doubts about compliance through exchange of information;
- (iii) have the right to obtain the assistance of the Executive Council on matters which give rise to doubts concerning compliance of another State Party; and
- (iv) upon request of the Executive Council, provide the clarification requested.

If the requesting State Party deems the clarification to be inadequate, it may:

- (v) request the Executive Council to obtain further clarification; and
- (vi) subsequently request a special meeting of the Executive Council.

A State Party shall:

- (vii) have the right to request the Executive Council to assist it in clarifying doubts about its compliance.