

The inspection mandate, as required in the Guidelines on the International Inspectorate, will play an important role in keeping the activities of inspectors conducting a routine inspection within the aforementioned limits. In the event of challenge inspection, a similar effect will have to be ensured by a precise request, on the one hand, and by specific procedures laid down in guidelines or manuals etc., on the other hand.

2. The proper personal conduct of inspectors

The fundamental provisions are contained in Art. VIII D (Technical Secretariat), supplemented by the Guidelines on the International Inspectorate.

In addition, the following provisions could be considered for inclusion in Annex to Art. VIII D:

- Each employee of the Technical Secretariat - of the Inspectorate or of the professional and clerical staff - shall enter into an individual secrecy agreement.
- Job descriptions for each employment would make it possible to regulate the flow of information according to the principle "the need to know".
- Minimum time periods for employments should be fixed in order to prevent unnecessary fluctuations within the staff of the Technical Secretariat.
- Provisions on penalties applicable in the event of violations of obligations concerning the protection of information by members of the Technical Secretariat.

3. The establishment of a régime governing the handling and protection of confidential information by the Technical Secretariat is provided for in the text of Art. VIII D as a task to be carried out by the Director-General. Some main principles could be agreed upon in order to provide the basis for this régime. These principles could encompass:

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1. No information obtained by the Organization in connection with the implementation of the Convention must be published or otherwise released, if not exceptionally provided for under B.

2. All information supplied to the Technical Secretariat shall be handled confidentially. With a view to protecting this information the régime has to ensure the following:

- Each employee shall only have access to that kind of information necessary for the fulfilment of the function emanating from the relevant job description.