

## The Executive Council

### Composition, procedure and decision-making

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### Powers and functions

19. The Executive Council shall be the executive organ of the Conference of the States Parties, to which it shall be responsible. It shall carry out the powers and functions entrusted to it under the Convention and its Annexes, as well as such functions delegated to it by the Conference of the States Parties. In so doing, it shall act in conformity with the recommendations, decisions and guidelines of the Conference of the States Parties and assure their continuous and proper implementation.

20. In particular, the Executive Council shall:

(a) Promote the effective implementation of, and compliance with, the Convention;

(b) Supervise the activities of the Technical Secretariat;

(c) Cooperate with the appropriate national authorities of States Parties and facilitate consultations and co-operation among States Parties at their request;

(d) Consider any issue or matter within its competence, affecting the Convention and its implementation, including concerns regarding compliance, and cases of non-compliance, 2/ and, as appropriate, inform States Parties and bring the issue or matter to the attention of the Conference of the States Parties. In its consideration of doubts or concerns regarding compliance and cases of non-compliance, including, inter alia, abuse of the

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1/ Consultations on this issue were carried out by the Chairman of the Ad hoc Committee for the 1991 session. The outcome of these consultations is contained in Appendix II.

2/ A view was expressed that the report of a fact-finding inquiry should not be put to a vote, nor should any decision be taken as to whether a Party is complying with the provisions of the Convention.