

(d) If such a solution is not possible and the nature of the complaint so requires, the Permanent Committee may decide to dispatch a fact-finding mission to the area. The decision to dispatch a mission shall be regarded as being of a procedural nature. The State party against which the complaint has been made may itself request the Permanent Committee to dispatch a fact-finding mission to its territory. Where necessary, and after expeditiously consulting its members by any suitable procedure, the Chairman of the Permanent Committee may make all necessary arrangements for the dispatch of the mission, if possible within 48 hours of the event to which the complaint refers.

The Permanent Committee shall arrange for samples collected on the spot to be analysed by at least two laboratories selected, by agreement among its members, from a list of establishments proposed by the States members of the Advisory Committee.

(e) The Permanent Committee shall have the right to request, through its Chairman, to request States and international organizations to provide such information and assistance as it deems desirable to enable it to fulfil its task.

(f) If the State party in whose territory the events are alleged to have taken place refuses to admit the mission, it must furnish the Permanent Committee with appropriate explanations showing that the dispatch of such a mission to the area at that particular time would jeopardize its higher interests.

If the Permanent Committee is not satisfied with the explanations furnished by the State in question, it may, should it deem necessary, make a new request.

In case of a further refusal, it shall report the matter to the depositary, who shall in turn inform the competent United Nations bodies to which a complaint relating to the same events may have been brought.

(g) Whenever a State member of the Advisory Committee requests a determination of the facts in a specific case or the provision of an authoritative opinion, the Permanent Committee shall transmit to the depositary a summary of its findings or its authoritative opinion, in which all the views and information presented to it shall be set forth. The depositary shall circulate the summary to all States members of the Advisory Committee.

(h) The Advisory Committee and the Permanent Committee shall take all procedural decisions relating to the organization of their work by consensus where possible, or otherwise by a majority of the members present and voting. Substantive matters shall not be put to the vote. If the Advisory Committee and the Permanent Committee are unable to reach a unanimous decision with respect to determinations of facts or authoritative opinions which they have been requested to provide, they should render an account of the different views that have been taken.