

9. In the area of [prevention and] settlement of disputes, States should further study and consider methods to broaden and make more effective the range of techniques available at present, taking into account, among others, relevant experience under existing international agreements or instruments and, where appropriate, their implementing mechanisms such as modalities for dispute [prevention and] settlement. This may include [,inter alia,] mechanisms and [,notification, consultation and fact-finding] regarding situations that might lead to disputes with other States in the field of sustainable development; and consideration of the inclusion in treaties relating to sustainable development, of clauses providing for the effective peaceful settlement of disputes. [Existing institutions, in particular the International Court of Justice, should also play a role in this field.]"