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Due regard shall be paid to the importance of recruiting the staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible. Recruitment shall be guided by the principle that the staff shall be kept to a minimum necessary for the proper execution of its responsibilities.

Page 31: Paragraph 6 becomes paragraph 7, with the deletion of the final sentence ("The Director-General shall establish ...") and the addition of the following:

The use and protection of confidential data within the Technical Secretariat, and their transmission to the other organs of the Convention and/or States Parties, shall be effected under the responsibility of the Director-General, in accordance with the special provisions on confidentiality, as mentioned in annex

Page 31: Paragraph 7 becomes paragraph 8.

2.5. Guidelines on the International Inspectorate

Page 99, section III, paragraph 2: Replace the last two sentences by:

They shall be expected to abide by the relevant regulations included in articles ... and their annexes in order to protect confidentiality. They shall in particular be subject to the provisions concerning confidentiality contained in annex

Page 101: Add at end of footnote 4:

", especially with regard to all aspects of confidentiality."

Page 102, section IV, paragraph 2 (c): New wording:

(c) In order to assist the Inspectors in carrying out inspections under article IX, the Director-General may request (the national authority) (the State Party) to supply him with supporting staff with special skills or training. The national authority of each State Party shall make available to the Technical Secretariat a list of such staff and the specialists available, such as interpreters, security personnel, etc.

Page 102, paragraphs 2 (d) and 2 (e): Delete the references to "supporting staff".

Page 104, paragraph 5 (b): Add:

"They shall be responsible for ensuring that the work requested of the supporting staff is smoothly carried out."

2.6. Appendix II

Page 116: After section II, paragraph 5, add:

III. Confidentiality

The procedures for declarations and verification shall take into account the requirements relating to protection of confidentiality (to be developed).