- (b) within 30 days of its establishment present a ruling on whether the matter is trade-related.
- 2. The panel shall cease its functions upon presentation of a ruling that the matter is not trade-related.

Article 16: Information for the Review Panel

- 1. The Parties shall be entitled to make written and oral submissions to a review panel in accordance with the Model Rules of Procedure.
- 2. A panel may invite or receive and consider written submissions and any other information from organisations, institutions, the public and persons with relevant information or expertise.
- 3. Unless the Parties otherwise agree, proceedings before a review panel shall be open to the public, except to the extent necessary to protect information that the Model Rules of Procedure require be confidential.

Article 17: Initial Report

- 1. Unless the Parties otherwise agree, the review panel shall base its report on relevant provisions of this Agreement, the submissions and arguments of the Parties and on any information before it pursuant to Article 16.
- 2. Unless the Parties otherwise agree, the panel shall present to the Parties an initial report containing:
 - (a) findings of fact;
 - (b) its determination as to whether the Party that is the object of the review has engaged in non-compliance through a persistent pattern of failure to effectively enforce its labour law or failure to comply with its obligations under Articles 1 and 2 of this Agreement to the extent that they refer to the ILO Declaration, or any other determination requested in the terms of reference; and,