

ARTICLE XII

MEASURES TO REDRESS A SITUATION AND TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE,
INCLUDING SANCTIONS

1. The Conference of the States Parties shall take the necessary measures, as set out in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of this Article, to ensure compliance with the Convention and to redress and remedy any situation which contravenes the provisions of the Convention. In considering action pursuant to this paragraph, the Conference of the States Parties shall take into account all information and recommendations on the issues submitted by the Executive Council.

2. If a State Party, having been requested by the Executive Council pursuant to paragraph 26 (e) of Article VIII to take measures to redress a situation concerning problems with regard to its compliance, fails to fulfil the request within the specified time, the Conference of the States Parties may - inter alia and upon the recommendation of the Executive Council - restrict or suspend the State Party's rights and privileges under the Convention until it undertakes the necessary action to conform with its obligations under the Convention.

3. In cases where serious damage to the objectives and purposes of the Convention may result from actions prohibited by the Convention, in particular by Article II, the Conference of the States Parties may recommend collective measures including sanctions to States Parties in conformity with international law.

4. The Conference of the States Parties shall in cases of particular gravity, bring the issue, including relevant information and conclusions to the attention of the United Nations General Assembly and the United Nations Security Council.