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National technical means of verification

1. Each State Party to this Convention should undertake to use national means of verification, including national technical means, at its disposal for the purpose of monitoring compliance with the provisions of this Convention only in as far as it is consistent with generally recognized principles of international law.

2. Each State Party to this Convention should undertake not to impede, including through the use of deliberate concealment measures, the national technical means of verification of other States Parties operating in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Element.

Comments

- Some delegations proposed the insertion of the words "as appropriate and in accordance with paragraph 1 of Element IX" between the words "Convention" and "should undertake" in paragraph 1.
- Some delegations stated that they could agree to this element only after it had been made clear to what extent States Parties should undertake to disseminate to other States Parties information obtained through national technical means of verification.
- A delegation considered that the term "deliberate concealment measures" should be further elaborated and clarified.