

Authority is described in Article VIII of the "rolling text" in some detail, while Article VII on National Implementation Measures merely states that each State Party "... designate or establish a National Authority", and that it shall inform the Consultative Committee on "... legislative and administrative measures taken to implement the Convention". This article also specifies that each State Party will have to assist the Consultative Committee in the following ways: data reporting, international on-site inspections, and in the provision of expertise, information and laboratory support. It must be noted that while a great deal of the discussions are devoted to the international verification of compliance, the articles of the draft CWC are concerned, in the first instance, with national measures taken to comply with the Convention. Verification follows the provision of information from State Parties in the form of declarations, and so national measures must be in place first.

The remainder of this chapter will be concerned with State Parties' obligations as described in the "rolling text", with special attention being paid to Articles III, IV, V, VI and IX where the verification tasks of an International Authority are outlined. Further details are given in the appropriate annex.