

(b) The representative(s) of the State Party receiving the inspection shall assist the inspection team in the exercise of its functions. They shall have the right to accompany the inspection team at all times, from the point of entry to the point of departure, provided that the inspection team is not thereby delayed or otherwise hindered in the exercise of its functions.

6. (a) There shall be no restriction by the State Party receiving the inspection on the inspection team bringing on to the inspection site such instruments and devices which the Technical Secretariat has determined to be necessary to fulfill the inspection requirements.

This includes, inter alia, equipment for discovering and preserving evidence related to the compliance with the Convention, equipment for recording 1/ and documenting the inspection, as well as for communication with the Technical Secretariat 2/ and for determining that the inspection team has been brought to the site for which the inspection has been requested. The Technical Secretariat shall to the extent possible, prepare and, as appropriate, update a list of standard equipment which may be needed for the purposes described above and regulations governing such equipment which shall be in accordance with these guidelines. 3/ 4/

(b) The equipment shall be in the property of the Technical Secretariat and be designated and approved by it. The Technical Secretariat shall, to the extent possible, select that equipment which is specifically designed for the specific kind of inspection required. Designated and approved equipment shall be specifically protected against unauthorized alteration.

(c) The State Party receiving the inspection shall have the right, without prejudice to the time frames set forth in Article IX, to inspect the equipment at the point of entry, i.e. to check the identity of the equipment. To facilitate such identification, the Technical Secretariat shall attach documents and devices to authenticate its designation and approval of the equipment. The State Party receiving the inspection may exclude equipment

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1/ The possible use of photographic or imaging equipment requires further consideration.

2/ The issue of communication requires further consideration.

3/ Further consideration needs to be given to when and how such equipment will be agreed upon and to what extent they will need to be specified in the Convention.

4/ The relationship between equipment for routine inspections and challenge inspections and provisions for their respective uses will need to be considered.