

The representative of India presides over the Commission. For the due fulfilment of its functions of supervision and control, the International Commission has established the following machinery:

NATIONAL DELEGATIONS 3. Each Member of the Commission is assisted by a Delegation from his own country. It consists of an Alternate Delegate and Military and Political Advisers. The National Delegations, besides, providing Political and Military Advisers to the Ambassadors also furnish the personnel for manning various Committees and inspection teams of the International Commission.

THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT 4. The International Commission is serviced by a Secretariat General. The main functions of this Secretariat, which works under the control of the Secretary-General, are:

- (a) To arrange and organise meetings and to keep the records of the International Commission;
- (b) To follow up the decisions of the Commission;
- (c) To maintain liaison between the Commission and other bodies which are responsible for the implementation of the Agreement;
- (d) To assist the Commission in controlling the operations of the Fixed and Mobile Teams;
- (e) To examine petitions and complaints;
- (f) To give due publicity to the activities of the Commission.

5. The Indian Member, who is the Chairman of the Commission, is also ex officio Secretary-General, in pursuance of a decision to this effect taken by the three countries constituting the International Commission. He has thus a dual capacity. As Chairman, he presides over the meetings of the Commission, and, as Secretary-General, he controls the executive machinery of the International Secretariat and is the chief executive of the Commission. The advantage of combining these posts in the hands of one person is to maintain a closer link between the making of decisions and their implementation.

6. There are three main Branches in the International Secretariat, each in charge of a Deputy Secretary-General.

7. The Administration Branch deals with all administrative problems - personnel, logistics etc. It also maintains liaison with the French and the Democratic Republic authorities.