

The Consultative Committee should be organized, and should function, as specified in an annex. The full Committee should meet at agreed intervals.

To assist in carrying out the activities of the Consultative Committee, a Committee Secretariat should be established. The over-all composition of the Secretariat should be generally consistent with the composition of the Consultative Committee. The Committee may, for specific tasks, set up other subordinate bodies which may continue their work between meetings of the Committee.

For the purpose of providing confidence in compliance, each party should be obligated:

(a) To co-operate fully with the Consultative Committee in the exercise of its verification responsibilities;

(b) Not to interfere, through deliberate concealment measures or in any other manner, with the conduct of verification activities. This should apply to activities conducted by the designated representatives of the Consultative Committee or by parties, including those using national technical means at their disposal in a manner consistent with generally recognized principles of international law.

The Consultative Committee should present an annual report on its activities to the States Parties.

Provisions should be included for meeting the expenses of the Committee.

#### Preparatory Commission

In order to facilitate prompt implementation of the provisions of the Convention after entry into force, an annex to the Convention should provide that a Preparatory Commission would come into existence soon after the Convention is opened for signature. Further views concerning the Preparatory Commission are outlined in Appendix I to this paper.

#### Consultation and Co-operation; Resolving Compliance Issues

The Convention should contain an undertaking by countries to consult one another and to co-operate in solving any problems which may be raised in relation to the objectives of, or in the application of the provisions of, the convention.

Parties should agree to provide in a timely manner, bilaterally or multilaterally, information to assure confidence in its compliance with the obligations assumed. Such provision of information could be accomplished by, but should not be limited to, inspection of the areas of concern, carried out in accordance with agreed procedures.

Consultation and co-operation might in addition be undertaken through appropriate international procedures within the framework of the United Nations and in accordance with its Charter. These international procedures would include the services of appropriate international organizations, as well as the Consultative Committee and its subordinate bodies.

The Convention should establish a sequential process for resolving compliance issues, beginning, if possible, with discussions among the parties directly involved. If initial bilateral efforts were not possible or were unsuccessful, the issue could be discussed by a subordinate body of the Consultative Committee, by the Committee itself, and by the appropriate United Nations body. (Further details on this process is given below.)