

- (g) to rule on points of order in accordance with the relevant Rules of Procedure and Implementation; and
- (h) to ask questions and announce decisions.

3. If the Chairperson is absent from all or part of a formal session or an informal meeting, or is temporarily unable to fill the office of Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall act as Chairperson. In the absence of the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson, the Committee shall appoint a temporary Chairperson.

4. If, for any reason, the Chairperson is unable to continue to fill the office of Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall become Chairperson until the end of the year.

ARTICLE 9 FORMAL SESSIONS AND INFORMAL MEETINGS

1. The Committee shall hold formal sessions and informal meetings according to the Rules of Procedure and Implementation.

2. The Committee shall hold at least one formal session a year.

3. The Committee shall hold additional formal sessions and informal meetings at the request of the Chairperson or at the request of at least three of the Parties.

4. The Committee may invite observers and relevant stakeholders who wish to discuss particular food assistance related matters to attend its formal sessions or informal meetings in accordance with the Rules of Procedure and Implementation.

5. The Committee shall meet at a location determined in accordance with the Rules of Procedure and Implementation.

6. The agenda for formal sessions and informal meetings shall be developed in accordance with the Rules of Procedure and Implementation.

7. The minutes of a formal session, which shall include any proposed decisions of the Committee, shall be circulated within thirty days after the formal session.