

Respect for confidentiality shall be a concern of the national authority, which shall in particular be responsible for:

- Assembling and storing national data which a State Party needs to know;
- Transmitting certain such data, appropriately processed, as necessary, to:
 - The Technical Secretariat (the Executive Council) (the Conference of States Parties);
 - The national authority of another State Party (cf. article IX);
- Organizing the arrival of the inspectors, attending the inspection, offering its opinion on the inspection;
- Ensuring respect for confidentiality during an inspection;
- Offering its opinion on the inspection report in the light of the provisions of paragraphs 15 and 16 of the annex to article VI [2], as revised, and of section 2.2 of this working paper.

4.3.2. Procedures

Note: An attempt is made in the following provisions, which are relatively detailed, to illustrate the various kinds of measures which will have to be taken in connection with confidentiality by the States parties. Each State party will have to spell them out on a national basis. Accordingly, this is merely a first outline intended to establish common ground.

(a) To ensure protection of confidentiality under all circumstances for its own data to be transmitted to the Organization, as well as for data transmitted through it to the State party, the national authority shall:

- Formulate the national regulations needed for data collection procedures, particularly those dealing with responsibilities regarding the protection of confidentiality, as well as sanctions applicable to its nationals in the event of breaches, and inform the Technical Secretariat thereof;
- Establish classification and declassification procedures for data according to their destination;
- Appoint an individual who, having signed a special undertaking, shall be in charge of all activities involving the protection of confidential information;
- Establish a mechanism for identifying any source of leaks of confidential information within the State party;
- Develop means of communicating confidential data with other States parties, if necessary with the assistance of the Technical Secretariat.