

- (f) The Depositary shall make available to the Commission the necessary administrative facilities for the performance of its functions.
2. (a) The High Contracting Parties at the time of ratifying the Convention are deemed to have recognised *ipso facto* and without special agreement the competence of the Commission to enquire into allegations by States party to this Convention, [the General Assembly of the United Nations, and/or the United Nations Secretary General. The Secretary-General may request the convening of a Commission only in cases where alleged violations of the Protocol affect peacekeeping forces under his control.]
- (b) The High Contracting Parties, at the time of ratifying the Convention, further recognize *ipso facto* that the standing of a Party to file a petition is conditioned solely on that Party having direct and reliable knowledge of a violation.
- (c) The cause of action of any Party to file a petition with the Commission is based on showing a consistent pattern of gross and reliably attested violations of the Convention and its Protocols.
- (d) The Commission is competent to:
- (i) enquire into facts alleged to be a grave breach as defined in the Convention and its Protocols or other serious violation of this Convention and its Protocols.
 - (ii) decide, not later than 48 hours after it has been convened, whether to pursue an inquiry.
 - (iii) if appropriate, conduct that inquiry. After informing the Depositary of its decision, the Commission can solicit documentation and other information from various sources relating to the matter under investigation in order to establish the degree to which the Convention has been breached, and by whom.
 - (iv) conduct *in loco* investigations in support of that inquiry. If the Commission decides that an *in loco* investigation is required, it shall notify the party to the conflict concerned of the decision to send a team of experts to conduct a fact-finding mission (see paragraph 3) at least 24 hours before the team is expected to arrive. It shall inform all states parties of the decision taken as soon as possible.
 - (v) upon completion of an enquiry, submit to the depositary a report on its findings of fact. If a fact-finding mission established pursuant to paragraph 2(iv) is unable to secure sufficient evidence for factual and