

**Annex 21-C**  
**Model Rules of Procedure**

*Application*

1. The following rules of procedure apply to dispute settlement proceedings under this Chapter unless the Parties otherwise agree.

*Definitions*

2. For the purposes of this Annex:

**adviser** means a natural person retained by a Party to advise or assist the Party in connection with the panel proceeding;

**assistant** means a natural person who, under the terms of appointment of a panellist, conducts research or provides assistance to the panel;

**candidate** means a natural person who is under consideration for selection as a member of a panel under Article 21.7;

**complaining Party** means a Party that requests the establishment of a panel under Article 21.6;

**public holiday** means every Saturday and Sunday and any other day designated by a Party as a holiday for the purposes of these rules and notified to the other Party;

**panel** means a dispute settlement panel established under Article 21.6;

**panellist** means a member of a panel established under Article 21.6;

**Party complained against** means the Party that is alleged to be in violation of the provisions referred to in Article 21.2; and

**representative of a Party** means an employee of a government department or agency or of any other government entity of a Party.

3. A reference made in these rules of procedure to an Article is a reference to the appropriate Article in this Chapter.

*Administration of Proceedings*

4. The Party in whose territory the hearing takes place shall be in charge of the logistical administration of the dispute settlement proceedings, in particular the organisation of hearings, unless the Parties decide otherwise.