

6. [Each State Party undertakes to provide or support assistance] [as it may deem appropriate]. [For this purpose it may elect:

- (i) to contribute to the voluntary fund for assistance;
- (ii) to conclude, if possible within six months after the entry into force of the Convention, agreements with the Organization concerning the procurement, upon demand, of medical aid, medical treatment, protection equipment, services and technical advice;
- (iii) to declare within six months after the entry into force of the Convention the kind of assistance and protection it might provide in response to an appeal by the Organization.

The Organization shall [be empowered to] establish a voluntary fund, conclude agreements and receive declarations to implement the provisions set forth in this paragraph.]

7. The Organization shall [provide] [process a request for] assistance in accordance with the following provisions:

(a) the request shall be addressed to the Director-General of the Technical Secretariat and shall be accompanied by relevant [reliable and] specific information [on the nature of the circumstances];

(b) the Director-General of the Technical Secretariat shall:

- (i) immediately inform the Executive Council, all States Parties [and the United Nations Security Council] about the request;
- (ii) initiate within [24] hours an investigation 1/2/3/ in order to provide the foundation for [any] action by [the Organization] [or States Parties]. The investigation shall, as appropriate and in conformity with the request and the information accompanying it, establish facts related to the request as well as to the types and scope of assistance [and protection] necessary.

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1/ The relationship between this investigation and any concurrent Article IX investigation by the Organization need further consideration and discussion.

2/ A view was expressed that the relationship with, and co-ordination between, this investigation and investigative activities of other international organizations, e.g. United Nations and The Red Cross, need further consideration and discussion.

3/ The ability of the Organization to investigate actions involving a non-State Party needs further consideration.