

Model Rules of Procedure

12. The Parties shall, within 1 year after the entry into force of this Agreement, establish Model Rules of Procedure, to be used for the establishment and conduct of proceedings under Article 16 (Procedures for Review of Obligations). Unless the Parties otherwise decide, the Review Panel shall perform its functions according to the Model Rules of Procedure and shall ensure that:

- (a) each Party has the opportunity to provide written and oral submissions to the Review Panel;
- (b) non-governmental organizations, institutions, and persons with relevant information or expertise in the Parties' territories have the opportunity to provide written submissions to the Review Panel; and
- (c) at least 1 hearing is held before the panel, for each set of panel proceedings, which, subject to Article 22 (Protection of Information), shall be open to the public.

13. The Parties shall decide on a separate budget for each set of panel proceedings pursuant to Article 16 (Procedures for Review of Obligations). The Parties shall contribute equally to the budget, unless they decide otherwise.