

- open to every signatory
- functions: to carry out preparatory technical work, make recommendations to the Consultative Committee

"3. COMPOSITION

- 1 representative by each State party
- advisers by each State party

For further consideration:

- President.-Options:
  - Depositary (United Nations Secretary-General or his personal representative)
  - elected by the States parties
  - rotative presidency
  - collective presidency
- Right or obligation of every State party to become members of the Consultative Committee.

"4. SUBORDINATE BODIES

It was generally agreed that the Consultative Committee would have:

- A technical secretariat
- A sub-organ or sub-organs of a reduced membership to operate on a permanent basis

For further consideration:

- Membership of the sub-organ(s). It was suggested:
  - equitable geographical distribution
  - renewed every X years
  - some permanent members
- Functions

Suggested additions:

- Fact-finding panel: operational body composed of political representatives with appropriate technical support of a reduced number of States parties to carry out, at the request of a State party, a fact-finding procedure concerning alleged ambiguities in or violations of the compliance with the Convention
- Expert study groups: to be created on an ad hoc basis to elaborate specific studies on matters of importance for the implementation of the Convention
- Verification teams: for carrying out systematic on-site inspections under the aegis of the technical secretariat.