

- (b) submitted by interested non-governmental organizations or persons;
 - (c) submitted by the Joint Public Advisory Committee; or
 - (d) developed by independent experts.
5. The expert in environmental matters shall submit a draft factual record for consideration by the Council. Any Party may provide comments on the accuracy of the draft within 45 days thereafter.
6. The expert in environmental matters shall incorporate, as appropriate, any such comments in the final factual record and submit it for the consideration of the Council.
7. At the request of either Party, the Council shall make the final factual record publicly available within 60 days following its submission.

Section C: Advisory Committees

Article 16: Joint Public Advisory Committee

1. The Joint Public Advisory Committee shall comprise six members, unless the Council otherwise decides. Each Party shall appoint an equal number of members.
2. The Council shall establish the rules of procedure for the Joint Public Advisory Committee, which shall choose its own chair.
3. The Joint Public Advisory Committee shall convene at least once a year at the time of the regular session of the Council and at such other times as the Council, or the Committee's chair with the consent of a majority of its members, may decide.
4. The Joint Public Advisory Committee may provide advice to the Council on any matter within the scope of this Agreement, including on any documents provided to it under paragraph 6, and on the implementation and further elaboration of this Agreement, and may perform such other functions as the Council may direct.
5. The Joint Public Advisory Committee may provide relevant technical, scientific or other information to the National Secretariats, including for purposes of developing a factual record under Article 15. The National Secretariats shall provide to the Council copies of any such information.
6. The National Secretariats shall provide to the Joint Public Advisory Committee at the time they are submitted to the Council copies of the proposed annual program of work and budget of the Commission and the draft annual report.