

### Powers and functions

24. The Executive Council shall be the executive organ of the Conference of the States Parties, to which it shall be responsible. The Executive Council shall carry out the powers and functions entrusted to it by this Convention, as well as such functions delegated to it by the Conference of the States Parties. In so doing, it shall act in conformity with the recommendations, decisions and guidelines of the Conference of the States Parties and ensure their continuous and proper implementation.

25. The Executive Council shall:

(a) Promote the effective implementation of, and compliance with, the Convention;

(b) Supervise the activities of the Secretariat;

(c) Cooperate with the National Authority of each State Party and facilitate consultations and cooperation among States Parties at their request;

(d) Consider any issue or matter within its competence, affecting this Convention and its implementation, including concerns regarding compliance, and cases of non-compliance, and, as appropriate, notify States Parties and bring the issue or matter to the attention of the Conference of the States Parties;

(e) In its consideration of doubts or concerns regarding compliance and cases of non-compliance, including inter alia, abuse of the rights provided for by the Convention, the Executive Council shall consult with the States Parties involved and, as appropriate, request the State Party to take measures to redress the situation within a specified time. To the extent that the Executive Council considers further action to be necessary, it shall take, inter alia, one or more of the following measures:

(i) Inform all States Parties of the issue;

(ii) Bring the issue to the attention of the Conference of the States Parties;

(iii) Make recommendations to the Conference of the States Parties regarding measures to redress the situation and ensure compliance.

The Executive Council shall in cases of particular gravity and urgency, bring the issue, including relevant information and conclusions directly to the attention of the United Nations General Assembly and the United Nations Security Council. It shall at the same time inform all States Parties of this step.