

2. Monitoring in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Element may be carried out by each State Party to this Convention by the employment of its own national technical means of verification or with full or partial assistance on the part of any other State Party.

3. Any State Party which possesses national technical means of verification may, where necessary, place at the disposal of other Parties and/or the Consultative Committee information which it has obtained through those means and which is important for the purposes of the Convention.

Such information would be confidential to the State Party which carried out monitoring, unless or until evidence was sufficient to suggest non-compliance by another State Party.

4. Each State Party to this Convention should not impede, including through the use of deliberate concealment measures, the national technical means of verification of other States Parties operating in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Element.

Second alternative:

Verification of compliance with this Convention may be undertaken by any State Party using its own means, or with the full or partial assistance of any other State Party.

F. Report of the Co-ordinator of the Contact Group on Consultation and Co-operation.

I. It was generally agreed that the Convention should include a provision regarding normal consultations and co-operation according to the following lines:

(a) Commitment by States Parties to consult and co-operate.

(b) Consultations and co-operation may be undertaken:

directly between two or more parties;

through appropriate international procedures including the services of appropriate international organizations and of the Consultative Committee.

It was generally agreed to include a specific reference to the Consultative Committee underscoring its special role.

It was suggested that certain international organizations (e.g. WHO) should be clearly specified in the Convention.

(c) Substance of consultations and co-operation: any matter in relation to the objectives of, or in application of, the provisions of the Convention.

For further consideration:

Alternatives:

- Specific reference to the United Nations General Assembly and/or Security Council.

- General reference to the United Nations Charter.