

26. The panel shall conduct the hearing in the following manner, ensuring that the complaining Party and the Party complained against are afforded equal time:

*argument*

- (a) argument of the complaining Party; and
- (b) argument of the Party complained against;

*rebuttal argument*

- (a) argument of the complaining Party; and
- (b) counter-reply of the Party complained against.

27. The panel may direct questions to either Party at any time during the hearing.

28. The panel shall arrange for a transcript of each hearing to be prepared and delivered to the Parties as soon as possible after the hearing.

29. Each Party may deliver a supplementary written submission concerning a matter that arises during the hearing within 10 days of the date of the hearing.

*Questions in Writing*

30. The panel may at any time during the proceedings address questions in writing to a Party or both Parties. Each Party shall receive a copy of any questions put by the panel.

31. A Party shall also provide a copy of its written response to the panel's questions to the other Party. Each Party shall be given the opportunity to provide written comments on the other Party's reply within five days of the date of delivery.

*Confidentiality*

32. The Parties and their advisers shall maintain the confidentiality of the panel hearings if the hearings are held in closed session, in accordance with paragraph 25. Each Party and its advisers shall treat as confidential any information submitted by the other Party to the panel which that Party has designated as confidential. If a Party submits a confidential version of its written submissions to the panel, it shall also, upon request of the other Party, provide a non-confidential summary of the information contained in its submissions that could be disclosed to the public no later than 15 days after the date of either the request or the submission, whichever is later. This paragraph does not preclude a Party from disclosing statements of its own positions to the public to the extent that, when making reference to information submitted by the other Party, it does not disclose any information designated by the other Party as confidential.