

(b) The Director General shall immediately ascertain that the request meets the requirements specified in the Verification Annex (Part IX, paragraph 3), and, if necessary, assist the requesting State Party in filing the request accordingly. When the request fulfils the requirements, preparations for the inspection shall begin.

(c) The Director General shall transmit the request to the inspected State Party ~~and the members of the Executive Council~~ **not less than 24** hours prior to the planned arrival of the inspection team at the point of entry.

(d) After having been ~~informed~~ **seized** of the inspection request, the Executive Council shall take note of the Director General's actions on the request and shall keep the case under its consideration throughout the inspection procedure. However, its deliberations shall not delay the inspection process.

(e) ~~If it considers the request to be frivolous, abusive or clearly beyond the scope of this Convention as described in paragraph 8 of this Article, the~~ **The** Executive Council may **shall**, within 12 hours after having received the inspection request, ~~decide by consensus against~~ **take a decision on** carrying out the inspection. Neither the requesting nor the inspected State Party shall participate in such a decision. If the Executive Council **considers the request to be frivolous, abusive or beyond the scope of this Convention as described in paragraph 8 of this Article** or decides against the inspection, preparations shall be stopped, no further action on the request shall be taken, and the States Parties concerned shall be informed accordingly.

13. The Director General shall issue a mandate for the conduct of the inspection. The mandate shall be the request referred to in paragraph 8 put into operational terms, and shall conform with the request.

14. The inspection shall be conducted in accordance with Part IX or, in the case of alleged use, in accordance with Part X of the Verification Annex. The inspection team shall be guided by the principle of conducting the inspection in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with the effective and timely accomplishment of its mission.

15. The inspected State Party shall assist the inspection team throughout the inspection and facilitate its task. If the inspected State Party proposes, pursuant to Part IX, Section C of the Verification Annex, arrangements to demonstrate compliance with this Convention, alternative to full and comprehensive access, it shall make every reasonable effort, through consultations with the inspection team, to reach agreement on the modalities for establishing the facts with the aim of demonstrating its compliance.

16. The final report shall contain the factual findings as well as an assessment by the inspection team of the degree and nature of access and cooperation granted for the satisfactory implementation of the inspection. The Director