

For further consideration:

- Decision by the Consultative Committee on the merits of a request and on the appropriate activity to be carried out for a fact-finding procedure concerning alleged ambiguities in or violations of the compliance with the Convention.
- Provision containing a strong commitment by States parties to co-operate with the Consultative Committee in its investigations.
- Action the Consultative Committee might take after a refusal by a State party to an on-site inspection:
 - request further information
 - request a reconsideration of the decision.
- Provision of assistance to a State party in case of a breach of the Convention:
 - subsumed in the general reference to the United Charter
 - or formulated in specific terms
- Question of falsifying the actual state of affairs with regard to compliance with the Convention by other States parties.

"ELEMENT XIII: Consultative Committee

"A. ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS

"1. CHAPEAU

It was agreed that there should be a general formulation stating the purposes of the Consultative Committee, i.e.:

- to carry out broader international consultation and co-operation
- to ensure the availability of international data
- to provide expert advice
- to oversee the implementation of the Convention
- to promote the verification of the continued compliance with the provisions of the Convention

"2. TIMING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT

- Consultative Committee: shortly, e.g. 30 days, after entry into force of the Convention.
- It was generally agreed that some preparatory work before the establishment of the Consultative Committee would be needed.

For further consideration:

Preparatory Committee

- temporary body
- established after X number of signatures of the Convention