

4. Co-operation between the central authority ("national level", "State Parties" and the Consultative Committee

(a) The Convention should contain provisions with regard to the co-operation/relationship between the central authority ("national level", "States Parties") and the Consultative Committee. The concrete formulation of these provisions and the determination of their place in the Convention (in article on national measures, in the above-mentioned Annex or in the context of the provisions on the Consultative Committee) would be a task for a further stage of the work on the Convention.

(b) These provisions may include the following:

- to provide the Consultative Committee with all data necessary to the execution of the task of the Committee with respect to implementing the Convention, including ~~verification~~ of compliance with the Convention;
- to extend in case of international inspections all assistance requested including technical assistance and the provision of data;
- to have access to a selection of inspection personnel both technical and non-technical;
- to be prepared to maintain documentation of the type required to satisfy international verification requirements and, if necessary, to make it available to the Consultative Committee;
- to co-operate in providing expertise to the Consultative Committee;
- to co-operate with the central authorities of other States Parties and with corresponding international organizations concerning issues connected with the implementation of the Convention.

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Options:

- Article on NTM may include provisions with regard to the use of NTM in a manner consistent with international law, assistance to other parties, including the provision of relevant information, and non-concealment measures.
- If these provisions would not be far-reaching enough, some delegations deemed a general reference to the possibility to use NTM and to assist other States Parties sufficiently.

In accordance with both views the following two alternatives are proposed and could be taken into account in drafting the provisions on the verification system as a whole.

First alternative:

1. Each State Party to this Convention may use national technical means of verification at its disposal for the purpose of monitoring compliance with the provisions of the Convention in a manner consistent with generally recognized principles of international law.