

17. (a) The Executive Council shall review in accordance with its powers and functions the final report of the inspection team as soon as it is presented.

(b) [In accordance with Article VIII, paragraphs 19 and 20 (d), it shall [consider] [address] [decide on] the question of [whether any non-compliance with the Convention has occurred.] [the concern regarding compliance.] [In considering this question, the final report should not be put to a vote, nor should any decision be taken as to whether a State Party is complying with the provisions of the Convention.]]

(c) [It may also] [If necessary, it shall also] [If it deems it necessary, it shall] address the question of whether the request had been within the scope of the Convention [.] [and whether the right to request a challenge inspection had been abused. [In case of abuse the Executive Council shall take the necessary measures to ensure that the requesting State Party bears all financial implications of the inspection and all other financial implications there upon.]

(d) If the Executive Council considers [, in keeping with its powers and functions under Article VIII paragraph 20 (d),] further action to be necessary, it shall take the appropriate measures in accordance with [Article VIII paragraph 20 (d)] [this paragraph][.] [, including any appropriate further action necessary to redress the situation and to ensure compliance with the Convention, including sanctions and other specific proposals to the Conference of the States Parties.]

(e) The requesting State Party and the inspected State Party shall have the right to participate in [the review] [this process]. The Executive Council shall inform the States Parties and the next Conference of the States Parties of the outcome of this process.

[(f) If the Executive Council has made specific recommendations to the Conference of the States Parties, the Conference shall consider action in accordance with Article XII.]