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Consultative Committee

1. The Consultative Committee, referred to in Elements IX and XII, should be established at the entry into force of this Convention. Each State Party to this Convention could appoint one representative to the Committee. The representative could be assisted by one or more advisers. The Depositary or his personal representative should serve as President of the Committee and convene it at least once a year, or immediately upon receipt of a request from any State Party.
2. Each State Party to this Convention should undertake to co-operate fully with the Committee in carrying out its tasks. Each representative should have the right, through the Chairman, to request from States Parties, and from international organizations, such information and assistance as the representative considers desirable for the accomplishment of the Committee's work.
3. The Consultative Committee should:
 - (a) monitor the destruction and diversion for permitted purposes of stocks of chemical weapons, as well as the destruction, dismantling and temporary conversion of means of production of chemical weapons as stipulated in Element V;
 - (b) monitor permitted production of super-toxic lethal chemicals in accordance with Element VI;
 - (c) make appropriate findings of facts and provide expert views relevant to problems raised pursuant to the provisions of the Convention by a State Party, in particular concerning alleged ambiguities in, or violations of the compliance with the Convention at the request of a State Party;
 - (d) facilitate compliance with the Convention, e.g. by developing international standardization of methods and routines to be applied by national and international verification organs;
 - (e) receive and distribute data relevant to the provisions of this Convention, which may be made available by national verification systems;
 - (f) otherwise closely co-operate with national verification systems and provide them with necessary assistance.
4. The Committee should, after consultation with the State Party concerned, be competent to undertake on-site inspections:
 - (a) in order to confirm received information concerning planned, on-going or effected measures according to subparagraph 3(a) of this Element;