

Powers and functions

16. The Conference of the States Parties shall be the principal organ of the Organization. It shall oversee the implementation of the Convention, and promote its objectives. It shall review compliance with the Convention. It shall consider any questions, matters or issues within the scope of the Convention including those relating to the powers and functions of the Executive Council and the Secretariat. It may make recommendations and take decisions on any questions, matters or issues within the scope of the Convention raised by a State Party or brought to its attention by the Executive Council.

17. The Conference of the States Parties shall also oversee the activities of the Executive Council and the Secretariat and may issue guidelines in accordance with the Convention to either of them for the exercise of their functions.

18. In addition, the Conference of the States Parties shall:

(a) Consider and adopt at its regular sessions the report of the Organization, consider other reports and consider and adopt the programme and budget of the Organization, submitted by the Executive Council;

(b) Promote international cooperation for peaceful purposes in the field of chemical activities;

(c) Review scientific and technological developments which could affect the operation of the Convention and, in this context, direct the Director-General of the Secretariat to establish a Scientific Advisory Board to enable the Director-General, in the performance of the functions of that office, to render to the Conference of the States Parties, the Executive Council or States Parties independent and specialized advice in areas of science and technology relevant to the Convention;

(d) Review proposed revisions to the scale of financial contributions to be paid by States Parties;

(e) Elect the members of the Executive Council;

(f) Appoint the Director-General of the Secretariat;

(g) Approve the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council submitted by the latter;

(h) Establish such subsidiary organs as it finds necessary for the exercise of its functions in accordance with this Convention.