

3. A Party may request consultations with the other Party through the Committee on the Environment regarding a matter arising under this Agreement by delivering a written request to the National Point of Contact of the other Party. On receipt, the National Point of Contact shall forward the request for consultations to the Committee. The consultations shall begin promptly after delivery of the request to the National Point of Contact. The request shall contain information that is specific and sufficient to enable the other Party receiving the request to respond to the matter. That Party will respond within 60 days after confirming the receipt of the request for consultations.
4. The Parties shall make every attempt to arrive at a mutually satisfactory resolution of the matter, taking into account opportunities for cooperation relating to the matter and information exchanged by the Parties. The Parties may seek advice or assistance from any person or body they deem appropriate in order to fully examine the matter at issue.
5. If the Parties fail to resolve the matter through the Committee, a Party may request in writing consultations with the other Party at the Ministerial level regarding an obligation under this Agreement. If the Party receiving the request for Ministerial level consultations deems it necessary, the requesting Party shall explain in writing the reasons why the matter must be addressed at the Ministerial level. The Ministerial level consultations shall be carried out by:
  - (a) for Canada, the Minister of the Environment, or its successor;
  - (b) for Honduras, the Secretary of State for Environment and Natural Resources (*Secretario de Estado en los Despachos de Recursos Naturales y Ambiente*), or its successor.
6. The purpose of the consultations is to seek a mutually acceptable solution to the matter.
7. The Party that has received the request for Ministerial consultations shall respond expeditiously. Ministerial consultations shall be concluded within 120 days after the receipt of the request unless the Parties decide otherwise.
8. Following the conclusion of the Ministerial consultations, the requesting Party may request in writing that a Review Panel be convened if it considers the consultations have not satisfactorily addressed the matter and that:
  - (a) there is a persistent pattern of failure by the other Party to effectively enforce its environmental law in accordance with Article 4 (Compliance with and Enforcement of Environmental Law); or
  - (b) there is a breach of Article 5 (Non-derogation).
9. The Review Panel shall be established with specific terms of reference provided by the Parties, and function in accordance with Annex I (Review Panel Process) and the Model Rules of Procedure.