

The process should consider questions that impact on the achievement of Convention results, by individual parties or collectively. Thus parties could certainly raise questions regarding their own commitments. Policy questions regarding implementation could be discussed as could be questions regarding the interpretation of the Convention. We anticipate that parties could raise questions regarding the implementation of the Convention by other parties as well under this mechanism. Possibly the subsidiary bodies could submit questions to the process.

Canada believes that consideration should be given to the operation of the Article 13 mechanism under the Subsidiary Body for Implementation. This would avoid the establishment of an additional institution and would be useful in linking the process to the reporting and review functions conducted by that body.

With respect to the formal dispute resolution mechanisms, we are of the view that should a formal dispute arise under Article 14, proceedings under Article 13 should not prejudice such proceedings. It may follow that any related process under Article 13 should, in such circumstances, be suspended.

We continue to have a strong interest in pursuing the elaboration of an innovative procedure for dealing with questions regarding implementation under Article 13 and encourage parties to participate in this work.