

(a) The right and the obligation to make every reasonable effort to demonstrate its compliance with the Convention and, to this end, to ensure that the inspection team is able to fulfil its mandate;

(b) The obligation to provide access within the requested site for the sole purpose of establishing facts relevant to the request; and

(c) The right to take measures to protect sensitive installations, and to prevent disclosure of confidential information, not related to the Convention.

11. The requesting State Party shall have the right to send a representative to observe the conduct of the inspection. The inspected State Party shall then grant access to the observer in accordance with the Verification Annex.

12. The requesting State Party shall present a request for an on-site challenge inspection to the Director-General of the Secretariat. The Director-General shall notify the inspected State Party not less than 12 hours prior to the planned arrival of the inspection team at the point of entry. Contemporaneously, the members of the Executive Council and all the other States Parties shall be informed about the request. At the request of the inspected State Party, the Executive Council shall meet to discuss the request for an on-site challenge inspection. This meeting shall not, under any circumstances, delay the inspection.

Inspections

13. Each State Party is under the obligation to provide in its request all relevant information on the concern regarding compliance, as specified in Part VIII, Section II.A.1 and 2 of the Verification Annex. This information shall form the basis of the issue of the mandate for the conduct of an inspection.

14. Where a request pursuant to the preceding paragraph has been received, the Director-General of the Secretariat shall promptly issue a mandate for the conduct of the inspection. The mandate shall be the requesting State Party's request put into operational terms and shall conform with the request.

15. The inspection shall be conducted in accordance with Part VIII, or in the case of alleged use, Part IX of the Verification Annex. The inspection team shall be guided by the principle of conducting the inspection in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with the effective and timely accomplishment of its mission.

16. The inspected State Party shall assist the inspection team throughout the inspection and facilitate its task. Should the inspected State Party propose, pursuant to Part VIII, Section III B of the Verification Annex, arrangements to demonstrate compliance, alternative to full and comprehensive access, it shall make every reasonable effort, through consultations with the inspection team, to reach agreement on the modalities for establishing the facts with the aim of demonstrating its compliance.