

(b) in order to carry out monitoring according to subparagraph 3(b) of this Element.

5. Any State Party which has reason to believe that any other State Party is acting in breach of its obligations deriving from the provisions of this Convention would have the right to request an investigation by the Committee of the circumstances which have given rise to concern. Such a request could include a request for an on-site inspection to determine in accordance with subparagraph 3(c) of this Element, the facts of the situation and should be accompanied by an appropriate explanation of why an investigation is considered necessary. On-site inspection should take place only after consultation with the State Party concerned. If that State Party does not agree to on-site inspection, it should give appropriate explanations to the effect that an on-site inspection would at that time jeopardize its supreme national interests. The requesting Party could in this case pursue the complaint within the framework of the United Nations in accordance with Element XII, paragraph 3.

6. The work of the Committee should be organized in such a way as to permit it to perform its functions in an effective, fair and impartial manner. It could for specific tasks set up sub-committees and verification teams. The Committee should decide procedural questions relative to the organization of its work, where possible, by consensus, but otherwise by a majority of those present and voting. There should be no voting on matters of substance. If the Committee is unable to provide for a unanimous report on findings of fact or in giving expert views, it should present the different views of the experts involved.

7. The Committee should present an annual report of all its activities to the States Parties to the Convention. The Committee should further, whenever it has been requested by a State Party to carry out fact-finding or provide expert views concerning a specific question, transmit to the Depositary a summary of its findings or expert views incorporating all views and information presented to the Committee during its proceedings. The Depositary should distribute the summary to all States Parties.

8. The Committee should at all stages consider the possibility of a bilateral solution to any dispute and be prepared to assist therein. Nothing should impede the right of a State Party to request information from the State Party concerned as regards presumed treaty violations.