ten days after the receipt of the request;

(c) The Executive Council shall consider the clarification within 24 hours of its receipt.

(e d) The Executive Council shall forward the clarification to the requesting State Party not later than 24 48 hours after its receipt;

(d e) If the requesting State Party deems the clarification to be inadequate, it shall have the right to request the Executive Council to obtain from the requested State Party further clarification;

(e f) For the purpose of obtaining further clarification requested under subparagraph (d e) of this paragraph, the Executive Council may call on the Director General to establish a group of experts from the Technical Secretariat to examine all available information and data relevant to the situation causing the doubt concern. The group of experts shall submit a factual report to the Executive Council on its finding;

(f g) If the requesting State Party considers the clarification obtained under subparagraphs (d e) and (e f) of this paragraph to be unsatisfactory, it shall have the right to request a special meeting of the Executive Council in which State Parties involved that are not members of the Executive Council shall be entitled to take part. In such a special meeting, the Executive Council shall consider the matter and may recommend any measure it deems appropriate to cope with the situation.

5. A State Party shall also have the right to request the Executive Council to clarify any situation which has been considered ambiguous or has given rise to doubts a concern about its non-compliance with this Convention. The Executive Council shall respond by providing such assistance as appropriate.

6. The Executive Council shall inform the States Parties about any request for clarification provided in this Article.

7. If the doubts or concerns of a State Party about noncompliance have not been resolved within 60 days after the submission of the request for clarification to the Executive Council, or it believes its doubts warrants urgent consideration, notwithstanding its right to request an onsite challenge inspection, it shall have the right to request a special session of the Conference in accordance with Article VIII. In such a special session, the Conference shall consider the matter and may recommend any measure it deems appropriate to resolve the situation.

## Procedures for Challenge Inspections

8. (a) Each State Party has the right to request an on-site challenge inspection of any facility or location in the