

concerned and their routes and modes of travel within the State, it shall be guided by the principle of minimizing the time of travel and any other inconvenience.

4. In exercising their functions, Inspectors shall avoid unnecessarily hampering or delaying the operation of a facility or affecting its safety. In particular, Inspectors shall not operate any facility or direct the staff of the facility to perform any operation. If Inspectors consider that, to fulfil their mandate, particular operations should be carried out in a facility, they shall request the designated representative of the management of the facility to perform them.

5. After the inspection visit, Inspectors shall submit to the Technical Secretariat a report on the activities conducted by them and on their findings. The report shall be factual in nature. It shall only contain facts relevant to compliance with the Convention, as provided for under the inspection mandate. Relevant regulations, governing the protection of confidential information, shall be observed. The report shall also provide information as to the manner in which the State Party inspected co-operated with the inspection team. Different views held by Inspectors may be attached to the report.

6. The report shall be kept confidential. The National Authority of the State Party shall be informed of the findings of the report. Any written comments, which the State Party may immediately make on these findings shall be annexed to it. Immediately after receiving the report, the Technical Secretariat shall transmit a copy of it to the State Party concerned.

7. Should the report contain uncertainties, or should co-operation between the National Authority and the Inspectors not measure up to the standard required, the Technical Secretariat shall approach the State Party for clarification.

8. If the uncertainties cannot be removed or the facts established are of a nature to suggest that obligations undertaken under the Convention have not been met, the Technical Secretariat shall inform the Executive Council without delay.

IV. General rules governing inspections under article IX

1. For inspections under article IX, the guidelines set out in sections II and III shall apply, as appropriate, unless otherwise provided for the following.

2. (a) (i) Inspections under article IX shall only be performed by Inspectors especially designated for this function. In order to designate Inspectors for inspections under article IX, the Director-General shall, by selecting Inspectors from among the full-time Inspectors for routine inspection activities, establish a list of proposed inspectors. It shall comprise a sufficiently large pool of International Inspectors having the necessary qualification, experience, skill and training, to allow for rotation and availability of Inspectors.