

D. Report of the Co-ordinator of the Contact Group on National Implementation Measures

1. Article on national measures

Working hypothesis:

Each State Party should take any measures it considers necessary in accordance with its constitutional processes to implement the Convention, and in particular to prohibit and prevent any activity in violation of the Convention anywhere under its jurisdiction or control.

Each State Party would also inform the Consultative Committee of what legislative and administrative measures it had taken with respect to the implementation of the Convention.

2. Possible article on national body

Options:

- Each State Party would designate a central authority and point of contact having responsibility with regard to overseeing the implementation of the Convention and to co-operating with the Consultative Committee and the central authorities of other States Parties. Guidelines concerning the functions of this central authority could be set out in Annex . . .
- Each State Party would identify its point of contact being responsible for the co-operation with the Consultative Committee.
- No special reference to national body in an article of the Convention, but refer to it and determine its role and functions in an Annex to the Convention.
- No special reference to national body, since this question could be regarded as covered by the article on national measures.

3. Possible Annex containing guidelines concerning the functions of the national body

Options:

- The Annex should only serve illustrative purposes in order to assist interested States Parties in setting up, if necessary, and employing their respective national implementation systems. The Annex would be of no obligatory nature.
- A detailed list of the functions of the national system would amount to an infringement into national legislation; therefore such an Annex should not be established.

According to the first view, such an Annex could include the following provisions: