

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

(f) If the requesting State Party considers the clarification obtained under subparagraphs (d) and (e) of this paragraph to be unsatisfactory, it shall have the right to request a special meeting of the Executive Council in which States 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 about its compliance with the 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 compliance have not been resolved not later than 60 days after the submission of the request for clarification to the Executive Council, or it believes its doubts warrant urgent consideration, notwithstanding its right to request an on-site challenge inspection, it shall have the right to request a special session of the Conference of the States Parties in accordance with Article VIII. In such a special session, the Conference of the States Parties shall consider the matter and may recommend any measure it deems appropriate to resolve the situation.

Procedure for requesting a fact-finding mission

8. Each State Party shall have the right to request an on-site challenge inspection of any facility or location in any other State Party for the purpose of clarifying and resolving any questions concerning compliance with the provisions of this Convention, and to have this inspection conducted anywhere without delay by an inspection team designated by the Director-General of the Secretariat and in accordance with the Verification Annex. Each State Party shall make requests that are within the scope of the Convention and that are for the sole purpose of determining facts relating to compliance.

9. For the purpose of verifying compliance with the provisions of this Convention, each State Party shall permit the Secretariat to conduct on-site challenge inspections pursuant to paragraph 8 of this Article.

10. Pursuant to a challenge of its facility or location, and in accordance with the procedures provided for in the Verification Annex, a State Party has: