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CLARIFICATION PROCEDURES AND VOLUNTARY VISIT

1. Any concern related to the declared facility of a State Party shall be first sought to be resolved through the process of consultation, clarification and cooperation as provided for in paragraphs ... of section E of this Article. The State Party to which the concern is related may volunteer for the Technical [Secretariat] [Body] to conduct a visit to the facility in question with a view to resolving the concern.

Prior consultations

2. In cases where a State Party (hereinafter referred to as the requesting State Party) considers that there is any ambiguity or uncertainty concerning any declared facility of another State Party, it shall first seek clarification from the other State Party (hereinafter referred to as the requested State Party) through the consultation, clarification and cooperation process.

3. Only a State Party which has submitted its own declaration shall have the right to seek clarification from another State Party under this Protocol.

Offering of a visit

4. The requested State Party may, at any time during the clarification process or in cases where the concern has not been resolved through the process of consultation, clarification and cooperation pursuant to paragraph 2 above, invite the Technical [Secretariat] [Body] to conduct a visit to the facility in question with a view to resolving the concern satisfactorily.
5. The invitation to visit the facility shall be addressed to the Director-General of the Technical [Secretariat] [Body], in a standardized written form, as soon as possible but in no case later than [ ] days after the completion of the prior consultations pursuant to paragraph 2 above. In offering a visit, the requested State Party shall ensure necessary access to the facility so as to enable the visit team to fulfill its mandate.

6. The Director-General of the Technical [Secretariat] [Body] shall, in consultation with the States Parties concerned and in accordance with the provisions in Annex B, make appropriate arrangements for the voluntary visit.

Mandate

7. The Director-General shall issue a standard mandate which shall be limited to resolving the specific declaration concern. The mandate shall be made available to the representative of the State Party to be visited immediately upon the arrival of the visit team at the point of entry.

Notification

8. The Director-General shall notify the State Party to be visited at least [ ] days in advance of the planned arrival of the visit team at the point of entry in accordance with the provisions in Annex B of this Protocol. The State Party to be visited shall acknowledge receipt of the notification within [ ] hours.

Designation of visit team

9. The Director-General shall, in accordance with Annex B, designate the visit team, limiting its number of inspectors to the minimum necessary but in no case exceeding [4].

Duration

10. The duration of the visit shall be no more than [ ] working days unless extended by
agreement between the visit team and the State Party to be visited.

**Equipment**

11. The visit team shall only bring approved equipment, according to Annex/Appendix ... on to the facility.

**Briefing**

12. Upon arrival at the facility and before the commencement of the visit, the visit team shall be briefed by the facility representative according to Annex B.

**Visit plan**

13. After the briefing, the visit team shall, in consultation with the representatives of the State Party to be visited, prepare an initial visit plan in accordance with Annex B and immediately make it available to the State Party to be visited.

**Conduct of voluntary visit**

14. The visit team may interview facility personnel, visually observe the facility in question, identify key equipment in accordance with the detailed provision of Annex B. The visit team may also carry out other on-site measures such as medical examination, sampling etc.

if offered by the State Party to be visited.

**Managed access**

15. Voluntary visits shall be conducted in the least intrusive manner possible and consistent with the effective and timely accomplishment of the visit mandate.

16. All the rules concerning managed access in section ... of this Protocol shall apply to the voluntary visit.

**Visit report**
17. After completion of the visit, the visit team shall, in accordance with the detailed provision in Annex B, prepare the preliminary and subsequently, the draft final report on the visit. The reports shall be made available to the visited State Party as provided for in Annex B.

**Adoption of a decision**

18. The [Executive] [Consultative] Council shall, in accordance with its powers and functions, review the final report of the visit team and decide on:

   (a) whether there exists ambiguity or uncertainty concerning the visited facility;

   (b) whether the visited State Party should take any further action to redress the concern.

19. The Director-General shall inform both the visited State Party and the requesting State Party of the decision. The visited State Party shall take necessary measures to redress the situation if the decision so requires.