

**STATEMENT BY BRAZIL ON ISSUES CONCERNING COMPLIANCE
(ARTICLE 8)**

Brazil considers that Article 8 contains appropriate and comprehensive provisions for the facilitation and clarification of compliance, for a State Party's or a group of States Parties' willingness to invoke them.

For some provisions, administrative and technical may need still to be defined.

In Article 8, the Brazilian delegation emphasizes the importance of "consultation, in a spirit of cooperation, for clarification", as contained in paragraph 1.

We commend the efforts made so far by the Canadian delegation in trying to facilitate the discussion on matters regarding the operation of Article 8.

We suggest that, in the framework of the Committee on the Status and Operation of the Convention, a Working Group open to all States Parties be established to consider the operation of Article 8.

The Canadian paper – among others eventually - is a good basis for this discussion.