## **Submission of the Russian Federation**

## **Contact Group 4**

## **Article 13**

## **Implementation and Compliance**

- 1. A **mechanism**, **including a** Committee, is hereby established to facilitate the implementation of, and promote compliance with, the provisions of this Convention. The Committee shall function in a manner that is transparent, facilitative, non-punitive, non-adversarial and expert-based.
- 2. The Committee may consider issues on the basis of:
  - (a) Written submissions from any Party with respect to its own compliance;
  - (b) Requests from the Conference of the Parties;
  - (c) Information provided by the Secretariat with respect to national reports under Article 15.
- 3. The Committee shall operate under the modalities and procedures adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its [X] meeting. The Committee shall elaborate its rules of procedure, which shall be subject to approval by the Conference of the Parties.
- 4. The Committee shall report to the Conference of the Parties and make recommendations, as appropriate.