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**(J) POST-INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES**

Reports of Initial [Factual] Findings

48. Upon completion of the investigation, the investigation team shall meet with the investigated State Party to review the team's preliminary findings and to clarify any remaining ambiguities. The team shall provide to the investigated State Party its preliminary findings in written form, together with a list of any samples and copies of written information and data gathered and other material intended to be taken off site. This document shall be signed by the team leader. In order to indicate that the investigated State Party has been given sight of the contents of the initial findings, the representative of the investigated State Party shall countersign the document. This meeting and these procedures shall be completed not later than [24] hours after completion of the investigation.

48 bis. In accordance with the principles of managed access and the detailed provisions in the Implementation Annex, the investigated State Party may place restrictions on the removal of specific samples, documents or other materials, if it deems this necessary. The investigated State Party may also draw to the attention of the investigation team any information in the initial findings which, in its view, is unrelated to the investigation mandate and should therefore be removed.

Departure

49. The investigation team shall depart from the territory of the investigated State Party as promptly as possible, following completion of the investigation and the meeting described in paragraphs 48-48 bis above.

### Final Report

50. The report shall summarise in a general way the activities conducted by the investigation team and its factual findings, particularly with regard to the concerns regarding possible non-compliance with Article 1 of the BTWC, and shall be limited to information directly related to these non-compliance concerns. It shall also include an assessment by the team of the degree and nature of access and cooperation granted to the team and the extent to which this enabled it to fulfil the inspection mandate.

50 bis. A draft final inspection report shall be made available to the investigated State Party not later than [20] days after completion of the investigation. The investigated State Party shall have the right to identify any information and data not related to the non-compliance concern which in its view, due to its confidential nature, should not be contained in the final version of the report to be circulated to States Parties. The investigation team shall take these observations into account as far as possible.

### Further clarification

51. The Organization may undertake consultations with the investigated State Party to allow for further clarification, if there are remaining uncertainties identified by the investigation team, or in case the cooperation offered by the investigated State Party is not considered to meet required standards.

### Adoption of a decision on the basis of the findings of the investigation

52. The politically representative body of States Parties shall consider whether there has been any non-compliant activity and take a decision on any response or further action.

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