

**Proposals for further consideration by the Friend of the Chair
on Confidentiality Issues**

ANNEX E. CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS

I. GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR THE HANDLING OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

(D) ACCESS TO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

9. If necessary to fulfil its obligations under this Protocol, the Technical Secretariat may grant access to information and data classified as confidential to ~~{entities or individuals}~~ ~~{experts or other natural persons}~~ not on the staff of **outside** the Technical Secretariat ~~{or other legal persons}~~ or to States Parties ~~{or other legal persons}~~. **Such access shall be strictly limited to the minimum necessary and shall be granted** only on specific approval by the Director-General accompanied by explicit consent of the State Party concerned as well as ~~in~~ ~~ease of natural persons~~ on the basis of ~~an individual~~ **a specific** secrecy agreement and in conformity with the procedures of the Confidentiality Regime.