

Recommendation⁴⁰

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IV. TRANSPARENCY

5. The TBT Agreement contains transparency provisions in: Articles 2 and 3 (technical regulations); Articles 5, 7, 8 and 9 (conformity assessment procedures); Annex 3, paragraphs J, L, M, N, O & P (standards); and Articles 10 (general transparency provision) and 15 (final provisions). A number of decisions and recommendations have been made with a view to facilitating access to information and further improving the implementation of transparency procedures under the Agreement.

A. GENERAL

Recommendation

- (a) In 2009, the Committee reiterated the importance of Members fully complying with their transparency obligations under the TBT Agreement and in particular those related to the notification of technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures, as required under Articles 2.9, 2.10, 5.6, 5.7 and 10.7. The Committee stressed that transparency is a fundamental pillar in the implementation of the TBT Agreement and a key element of Good Regulatory Practice.⁴² The Committee noted the significant stock of decisions and recommendations that it has developed since 1995, and agreed⁴³:
 - (i) to stress the importance of full implementation of this existing body of decisions and recommendations by Members.

B. STATEMENT ON IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE TBT AGREEMENT (ARTICLE 15.2)

- (a) Pursuant to Article 15.2, Members have an obligation to submit a statement on the measures in existence or taken to ensure the implementation and administration of the Agreement, including the provisions on transparency. Such statements, to be made by a Member promptly after the date on which the WTO Agreement enters into force for it, give a brief overview of how individual Members implement the TBT Agreement. Since the establishment of the Committee, Members have emphasized the importance of fulfilling their obligations under Article 15.2.⁴⁴

⁴⁰ This recommendation is also reproduced under the Section on Transparency under IV.C.2(i), on p. 25.

⁴¹ G/TBT/19, 14 November 2006, paras. 66-67 and 68(g)(i).

⁴² G/TBT/26, 12 November 2009, para. 29.

⁴³ G/TBT/26, 12 November 2009, para. 32.

⁴⁴ G/TBT/5, 19 November 1997, para. 7; G/TBT/9, 13 November 2000, para. 9; G/TBT/13, 11 November 2003, para. 7; G/TBT/19, 14 November 2006, para. 6.

Decision

- (a) In 1995, with respect to the contents of Article 15.2 statements, the Committee agreed⁴⁵:
- (i) the statement should cover the legislative, regulatory and administrative action taken as a result of the negotiation of the Agreement or currently in existence to ensure that the provisions of the Agreement are applied. If the Agreement itself has been incorporated into domestic law, the statement should indicate how this has been done. In other cases, the statement should describe the content of the relevant laws, regulations, administrative orders, etc. All necessary references should also be provided.
 - (ii) in addition, the statement should specify:
 - the names of the publications used to announce that work is proceeding on draft technical regulations or standards and procedures for assessment of conformity and those in which the texts of technical regulations and standards or procedures for assessment of conformity are published under Articles 2.9.1, 2.11; 3.1 (in relation to 2.9.1 and 2.11); 5.6.1, 5.8; 7.1, 8.1 and 9.2 (in relation to 5.6.1 and 5.8); and paragraphs J, L and O of Annex 3 of the Agreement;
 - the expected length of time allowed for presentation of comments in writing on technical regulations, standards or procedures for assessment of conformity under Articles 2.9.4 and 2.10.3; 3.1 (in relation to 2.9.4 and 2.10.3); 5.6.4 and 5.7.3; 7.1, 8.1 and 9.2 (in relation to 5.6.4 and 5.7.3); and paragraph L of Annex 3 of the Agreement;
 - the name and address of the enquiry point(s) foreseen in Articles 10.1 and 10.3 of the Agreement with an indication as to whether it is/they are fully operational; if for legal or administrative reasons more than one enquiry point is established, complete and unambiguous information on the scope of responsibilities of each of them;
 - the name and address of any other agencies that have specific functions under the Agreement, including those foreseen in Articles 10.10 and 10.11 of the Agreement; and
 - measures and arrangements to ensure that national and sub-national authorities preparing new technical regulations or procedures for assessment of conformity, or substantial amendments to existing ones, provide early information on their proposals in order to enable the Member in question to fulfil its obligations on notifications under Articles 2.9, 2.10, 3.2, 5.6, 5.7 and 7.2 of the Agreement.

Recommendations

- (a) In 1997, in order to ensure the submission of statements under Article 15.2 and to improve the implementation and administration of the Agreement, the Committee agreed⁴⁶:

⁴⁵ G/TBT/M/2, 4 October 1995, para. 5, G/TBT/W/2/Rev.1, 21 June 1995, p. 2.

- (i) with due consideration to the obligations under Article 15.2 to inform the Committee of measures in existence or taken to ensure the implementation and administration of the Agreement, Members who have not submitted such information are expected to do so without further delay. They are invited to indicate any difficulties and needs in this respect, so that technical assistance may be provided as appropriate;
 - (ii) for the purpose of information exchange, Members are invited, on a voluntary basis, to make oral presentations to further elaborate on the arrangements they have in place to achieve an effective implementation and administration of the provisions of the Agreement, including those under Article 12. This exercise would be a useful means of sharing information with respect to good practices and in meeting the needs of those Members that may be seeking assistance.
- (b) In 2000, the Committee agreed⁴⁷:
- (i) to encourage Members to continue sharing their experiences on the arrangements they had in place to achieve an effective implementation and administration of the provisions of the Agreement.
- (c) In 2003, in order to assist Members in meeting their obligations under Articles 15.2 and 10.1, the Committee⁴⁸:
- (i) invited Members to seek assistance from other Members that had met their 15.2 obligations to share their knowledge and experience in this regard.

Documents

- (a) Members' Statements on Implementation and Administration of the Agreement are contained in the G/TBT/2/Add - series.
- (b) A list of Members having submitted their 15.2 Statements is maintained in the G/TBT/GEN/1/ - series.

Event

- (a) On 8 November 2007, the WTO Secretariat organized a Workshop on the Statement on Implementation and Administration of the TBT Agreement under Article 15.2.⁴⁹

C. NOTIFICATIONS

1. Technical Regulations and Conformity Assessment Procedures

6. Articles 2, 3, 5, and 7 of the TBT Agreement contain the notification obligations related to technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures. In addition, the TBT Committee has put in place detailed procedures for the implementation of these provisions (set out below), which have been refined over the years. The importance of fulfilling notification provisions has been regularly reiterated by the TBT Committee, as notifications can make an important contribution towards

⁴⁶ G/TBT/5, 19 November 1997, para. 7.

⁴⁷ G/TBT/9, 13 November 2000, para. 9.

⁴⁸ G/TBT/13, 11 November 2003, para. 7.

⁴⁹ G/TBT/M/43, 21 January 2008, para. 3-5.

avoiding unnecessary obstacles to trade and provide Members with the opportunity to influence the development of technical requirements of other Members.

7. Article 2.9 of the TBT Agreement provides that Members have an obligation to notify a proposed technical regulation whenever a relevant international standard does not exist or when the technical content of the proposed technical regulation is not in accordance with the technical content of relevant international standards and if the technical regulation may have a significant effect on trade of other Members. Similarly, Article 5.6 of the TBT Agreement provides that Members have an obligation to notify a draft conformity assessment procedure whenever a relevant international guide or recommendation issued by international standardizing bodies does not exist or the technical content of the proposed conformity assessment procedure is not in accordance with relevant international guides or recommendations issued by international standardizing bodies and if the conformity assessment procedure may have a significant effect on trade of other Members.

Recommendation

- (a) In 2009, based on experience shared between Members on the implementation of notification obligations, the Committee agreed⁵⁰:
- (i) to reiterate the importance of ensuring that Members comply fully with the notification requirements in Articles 2.9 and 5.6 of the TBT Agreement
 - (ii) to encourage Members to endeavour to submit those notifications at an early stage, when measures are still in draft form, to ensure time and adequate opportunity for comments, for comments to be taken into account and for proposed measures to be modified; and
 - (iii) to reaffirm the importance of establishing mechanisms to facilitate internal coordination for the effective implementation of the TBT Agreement's notifications obligations.
- (i) *"Significant effect on trade of other Members"*

Recommendation

- (a) In 1995, with a view to ensuring a consistent approach to the selection of proposed technical regulations and procedures for assessment of conformity to be notified, the Committee established the following criteria⁵¹:
- (i) for the purposes of Articles 2.9 and 5.6, the concept of "significant effect on trade of other Members" may refer to the effect on trade:
 - of one technical regulation or procedure for assessment of conformity only, or of various technical regulations or procedures for assessment of conformity in combination;
 - in a specific product, group of products or products in general; and
 - between two or more Members.

⁵⁰ G/TBT/26, 12 November 2009, para. 34.

⁵¹ G/TBT/M/2, 4 October 1995, para. 5; G/TBT/W/2/Rev.1, 21 June 1995, p. 8.

- (ii) when assessing the significance of the effect on trade of technical regulations, the Member concerned should take into consideration such elements as:
 - the value or other importance of imports in respect of the importing and/or exporting Members concerned, whether from other Members individually or collectively;
 - the potential growth of such imports; and
 - difficulties for producers in other Members to comply with the proposed technical regulations.
- (iii) the concept of a significant effect on trade of other Members should include both import-enhancing and import-reducing effects on the trade of other Members, as long as such effects are significant.

(ii) *Timing of Notifications*

Recommendation

- (a) In 1995, the Committee agreed that when implementing the provisions of Articles 2.9.2, 3.2 (in relation to Article 2.9.2), 5.6.2 and 7.2 (in relation to Article 5.6.2), a notification should be made when a draft with the complete text of a proposed technical regulation or procedures for assessment of conformity is available and when amendments can still be introduced and taken into account.⁵²

(iii) *Submission of Notification (Format and Guidelines)*

Decisions

- (a) The agreed version of the Guidelines and Format is contained in Annex C (on page 49 of this document).⁵³
- (b) In 2000, the Committee noted that enhancement of Internet usage can facilitate access to and exchange of information by Members. This would also facilitate and provide the maximum time possible for receiving notifications, obtaining and translating of relevant documents, and the presentation of comments. With a view to facilitating access to information by Members, as well as to strengthen the notification process, including the time needed for the publication and circulation of notification by the Secretariat, the Committee agreed⁵⁴:
 - (i) whenever possible Members should file notifications by downloading, filling out and returning the complete form by e-mail to the Secretariat. The Committee will continue to explore ways to shorten the time for the submission, publication and circulation of notifications, as well as to examine the steps that would be needed to facilitate the electronic transmission of information among Members to complement the hard copy information exchange.

⁵² G/TBT/M/2, 4 October 1995, para. 5; G/TBT/W/2/Rev.1, 21 June 1995, p. 8.

⁵³ G/TBT/1/Rev.8, 23 May 2002, p. 11.

⁵⁴ G/TBT/9, 13 November 2000, paras. 13, 15 and Annex 3.

Recommendations

- (a) In 1995, the Committee recommended that information contained in the notification form should be as complete as possible and no section should be left blank. Where necessary, "not known" or "not stated" should be indicated.⁵⁵
- (b) In 2000, the Committee requested that Members transmit their notifications to the Secretariat electronically via the Central Registry of Notifications (CRN) at crn@wto.org in order to accelerate their processing.⁵⁶
- (c) In 2003, with regard to the electronic transmission of information on proposed standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures, the Committee agreed⁵⁷:
 - (i) to examine the feasibility of creating a central depository for notifications on the WTO website, which would enable Members to complete notification forms on line. This would complement, not replace, the submission of notifications to the CRN.
- (d) In 2009, the Committee noted that, in practice, for the sake of greater transparency, some Members choose to notify draft measures when they are in accordance with relevant international standards, guides or recommendations. With a view to increasing transparency on the use of international standards, the Committee agreed⁵⁸:
 - (i) to encourage Members, whenever possible and on a voluntary basis to indicate in Box 8 of the notification format whether or not they consider that a relevant international standard exists and, if appropriate, to provide information about deviations; and
 - (ii) to note the provisions contained in Articles 2.9.3 and 5.6.3 of the TBT Agreement stating that Members, upon request, provide other Members with particulars or copies of a proposed technical regulation or conformity assessment procedure and, whenever possible, identify the parts which, in substance, deviate from relevant international standards or from relevant guides and recommendations issued by international standardizing bodies.

Documents

- (a) Notifications under Article 2, 3, 5, and 7 are circulated in the document series G/TBT/N/[Member]/[Number].

⁵⁵ G/TBT/M/2, 4 October 1995, para. 5; G/TBT/W/2/Rev.1, 21 June 1995, p. 3.

⁵⁶ G/TBT/M/15, paras. 43 and 45; G/TBT/9, 13 November 2000, paras. 13, 15 and Annex 3; G/TBT/13, 11 November 2003, para. 26.

⁵⁷ G/TBT/13, 11 November 2003, para. 27.

⁵⁸ G/TBT/26, 12 November 2009, para. 36.

(iv) *Notification of Labelling requirements*

Decision

- (a) In 1995, with the purpose of clarifying the coverage of the Agreement with respect to labelling requirements, the Committee took the following decision⁵⁹:
- (i) In conformity with Article 2.9 of the Agreement, Members are obliged to notify all mandatory labelling requirements that are not based substantially on a relevant international standard and that may have a significant effect on the trade of other Members. That obligation is not dependent upon the kind of information which is provided on the label, whether it is in the nature of a technical specification or not.

Event

- (b) On 21-22 October 2003, with the objective of improving Members' understanding of the preparation, adoption and application of labelling requirements in the context of the implementation of the Agreement, as well as of the impact of such requirements on market access, the Committee held a Learning Event on Labelling, which focused on developing country Members' concerns.⁶⁰

(v) *Notifications of Proposed Technical Regulations and Conformity Assessment Procedures of Local Governments at the Level Directly Below that of the Central Government*

Recommendations

- (a) In 2006, with regard to the notification of proposed technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures of local governments at the level directly below that of the central government, the Committee agreed⁶¹:
- (i) to invite Members to indicate the local government bodies in their jurisdiction that are subject to the notification obligations contained in Articles 3.2 and 7.2.
- (b) In 2009, the Committee noted, despite an increase in the number of measures notified under Articles 3.2 and 7.2, that this level remained generally low. In light of this, the Committee agreed⁶²:
- (i) to recommend that Members continue to discuss possible ways to improve coordination between relevant authorities at the central level and the local level directly below the central level with respect to notifications under Articles 3.2 and 7.2, including through dissemination of good practices; and
- (ii) to request the Secretariat to remain engaged in providing statistical information with respect to Articles 3.2 and 7.2.

⁵⁹ G/TBT/M/2, 4 October 1995, para. 5; G/TBT/W/2/Rev.1, 21 June 1995, p. 11.

⁶⁰ G/TBT/13, 11 November 2003, para. 3.

⁶¹ G/TBT/19, 14 November 2006, paras. 52 and 68(b)(i).

⁶² G/TBT/26, 12 November 2009, para. 38.

(vi) *Monthly Listing of Notifications Issued by the WTO Secretariat*

Decision

- (a) In 2000, the Committee agreed on the following with a view to providing a brief indication of the notifications issued⁶³:
- (i) the Secretariat is requested to prepare a monthly table of notifications issued, indicating the notification numbers, notifying Members, Articles notified under, products covered, objectives and final dates for comments.

Documents

- (a) Monthly lists of notifications are contained in the document G/TBT/GEN/N/- series.

(vii) *Length of time allowed for comments*

Recommendations

- (a) In 2000 and 2003, with respect to time limits for presentation of comments on notified technical regulations and procedures for assessment of conformity, the Committee agreed:
- (i) the normal time limit for comments on notifications should be 60 days. Any Member which is able to provide a time limit beyond 60 days, such as 90 days, is encouraged to do so and should indicate this in the notification.⁶⁴
- (ii) in order to improve the ability of developing country Members to comment on notifications, and consistent with the principle of special and differential treatment, developed country Members are encouraged to provide more than a 60-day comment period.⁶⁵
- (b) In 2009, the Committee agreed⁶⁶:
- (i) to recall its earlier recommendation that the normal time limit for the presentation of comments should be at least 60 days, and its encouragement to Members to provide, whenever possible, a time limit beyond 60 days, such as 90 days;
- (ii) to recall that developed country Members are encouraged to provide more than a 60-day comment period, to improve the ability of developing country Members to make comments on notifications consistent with the principle of special and differential treatment; and
- (iii) to reiterate that an insufficient period of time for presentation of comments on proposed technical regulations and conformity assessment may prevent Members from adequately exercising their right to submit comments.

⁶³ G/TBT/9, 13 November 2000, para. 13 and Annex 3, p. 22.

⁶⁴ G/TBT/9, 13 November 2000, para. 13 and Annex 3, p. 22.

⁶⁵ G/TBT/13, 11 November 2003, para. 26.

⁶⁶ G/TBT/26, 12 November 2009, paras. 39-40.

(viii) *Handling of comments*

Recommendations

- (a) In 1995, in order to improve the handling of comments on proposed technical regulations and procedures for assessment of conformity submitted under Articles 2.9.4, 2.10.3, 3.1 (in relation to 2.9.4 and 2.10.3), 5.6.4, 5.7.3 and 7.1 (in relation to 5.6.4 and 5.7.3) of the Agreement, the Committee agreed on the following procedures⁶⁷:
- (i) each Member should notify the WTO Secretariat of the authority or agency (e.g. its enquiry point) which it has designated to be in charge of handling of comments received; and
 - (ii) a Member receiving comments through the designated body should without further request:
 - acknowledge the receipt of such comments;
 - explain within a reasonable time to any Member from which it has received comments, how it will proceed in order to take these comments into account and, where appropriate, provide additional relevant information on the proposed technical regulations or procedures for assessment of conformity concerned; and
 - provide to any Member from which it has received comments, a copy of the corresponding technical regulations or procedures for assessment of conformity as adopted or information that no corresponding technical regulations or procedures for assessment of conformity will be adopted for the time being.
- (b) In 2003, the Committee agreed⁶⁸:
- (i) to invite Members to formulate their requests to enquiry points, on comment periods or on any other matter, in one of the three official languages of the WTO;
 - (ii) to encourage Members to voluntarily respond to comments in writing if so requested, and to share their responses with the TBT Committee. Members are also encouraged to draft their responses in one of the three official languages of the WTO;
 - (iii) to invite Members, on a voluntary basis, to disseminate their comments and responses by means of national websites and to draw the Committee's attention to these.
- (c) In 2006, with a view to facilitating the implementation of transparency procedures under the Agreement, the Committee agreed⁶⁹:
- (i) to encourage Members to provide sufficient time between the end of the comment period and the adoption of the notified technical regulations and

⁶⁷ G/TBT/M/2, 4 October 1995, para. 5; G/TBT/W/2/Rev.1, 21 June 1995, p. 10.

⁶⁸ G/TBT/13, 11 November 2003, para. 26.

⁶⁹ G/TBT/19, 14 November 2006, paras. 58 and 68(d)(i)-(iii).

- conformity assessment procedures for the consideration of comments made and the preparation of subsequent responses;
- (ii) to encourage Members to exchange comments and to provide information on websites on which comments received from Members and replies thereto are posted, taking into account the fact that some bilateral communications between Members could be of a confidential nature; and
 - (iii) to request the Secretariat to prepare a list of these websites, based on the information provided by Members.
- (d) In 2009, the Committee agreed⁷⁰:
- (i) to stress the importance of an efficient and effective handling of comments on notified measures and, in this respect, to reiterate its previous recommendations on the handling of comments, including the recommendation to voluntarily respond to comments in writing, if so requested, and to share these replies with the TBT Committee and to encourage Members to draft their responses in one of the three official languages of the WTO;
 - (ii) to note the importance of domestic coordination to ensure that comments received are followed up and taken into account in finalizing the draft measure;
 - (iii) to recall its earlier recommendations about the sharing, on a voluntary basis, of comments on notified draft measures and replies thereto, including through the use of websites; and
 - (iv) to recommend that the Committee continues to discuss ways to improve the effective implementation of the provisions of the TBT Agreement on handling of comments, including assessing the feasibility of utilizing the TBT Information Management System (TBT IMS) as a platform where comments on notified measures, and replies thereto, could be posted on a voluntary basis.
- (ix) *Timing of Entry into Force of Technical Regulations and Understanding of "Reasonable Interval" under Article 2.12*

8. In the 2001 Ministerial Decision on Implementation-related Issues and Concerns, Ministers stated that "Subject to the conditions specified in paragraph 12 of Article 2 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, the phrase 'reasonable interval' shall be understood to mean normally a period of not less than 6 months, except when this would be ineffective in fulfilling the legitimate objectives pursued."⁷¹

⁷⁰ G/TBT/26, 12 November 2009, para. 42.

⁷¹ WT/MIN(01)/17, 20 November 2001, para. 5.2.

Decision

- (a) In 2002, the Committee took note of the above-mentioned Ministerial Decision regarding the implementation of Article 2.12 of the Agreement, and decided as follows⁷²:
 - (i) Subject to the conditions specified in paragraph 12 of Article 2 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, the phrase "reasonable interval" shall be understood to mean normally a period of not less than 6 months, except when this would be ineffective in fulfilling the legitimate objectives pursued.

Recommendation

- (a) In 2006, with a view to facilitating the implementation of transparency procedures under the Agreement, the Committee agreed⁷³:
 - (i) to encourage Members to provide an interval of more than six months, when possible, between the publication of technical regulations and their entry into force.

(x) *Follow-up*

Recommendations

- (a) In 2003, in order to facilitate the follow-up on Members' technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures brought to the attention of the Committee, the Committee agreed⁷⁴:
 - (i) to have amendments to notifications carry the same document symbol as that of the original notification to allow them to be adequately traced;
 - (ii) to encourage Members to share, on a voluntary basis, with the Committee any follow-up information on issues that have been previously brought to its attention.
- (b) In 2009, the Committee agreed⁷⁵:
 - (i) to recall its earlier recommendation encouraging Members to notify the availability of the adopted final text as an addendum to the original notification and to provide information on where the final text can be obtained, including website address;
 - (ii) to stress the importance of making such addenda when a proposed regulation is either adopted, published or enters into force and especially in cases where the relevant dates have not been provided in the original notification or have been changed; and

⁷² G/TBT/M/26, 6 May 2002, para. 15; WT/MIN(01)/17, 20 November 2001, para. 5.2.

⁷³ G/TBT/19, 14 November 2006, paras. 61-63 and 68(e)(i).

⁷⁴ G/TBT/13, 11 November 2003, para. 28.

⁷⁵ G/TBT/26, 12 November 2009, para. 43.

- (iii) to recommend that the Committee establish common procedures on how and under which format (addendum, corrigendum, revision) to notify modifications or any other information relevant to previously notified measures.

2. Standards

9. Article 4 of the Agreement establishes a "Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards" (the "Code"). The text of the Code is contained in Annex 3 of the TBT Agreement. The Code provides that, *inter alia*, Members shall ensure that their central government standardizing bodies accept and comply with the Code, and to take such reasonable measures as may be available to them to ensure that local government and non-governmental standardizing bodies within their territories, as well as regional standardizing bodies of which they or one or more bodies within their territories are members, accept and comply with the Code. The Code is open for acceptance to any such bodies (Paragraph B). Standardizing bodies that have accepted or withdrawn from the Code shall notify this fact (Paragraph C), as well as the existence of a work programme (Paragraph J).

- (i) *Notification of the Acceptance of, or Withdrawal from, the Code of Good Practice (Paragraph C)*

Recommendations

- (a) In 1997, in order to improve the transparency, acceptance of, and compliance with the Code, the Committee agreed⁷⁶:
 - (i) to invite Members to share their experience with respect to the steps taken to fulfil their obligations under Article 4 and to exchange information on the reasons why certain standardizing bodies as identified in Article 4.1 have not yet accepted the Code;
 - (ii) that Members should take appropriate action to inform standardizing bodies of the provisions of the Code and the benefits they would gain from accepting it; and
 - (iii) that the Secretariat will draw up a list of standardizing bodies on the basis of information provided by Members for this purpose.
- (b) In 2006, with a view to facilitating the implementation of transparency procedures under the Agreement, and with regard to the acceptance of the Code of Good Practice by regional standardizing bodies, the Committee agreed⁷⁷:
 - (i) to encourage regional standardizing bodies to accept the Code of Good Practice and to notify their acceptance of the Code to the ISO/IEC Information Centre.

⁷⁶ G/TBT/5, 19 November 1997, sub-paras. 12(a), (b) and (d).

⁷⁷ G/TBT/19, 14 November 2006, paras. 66-67 and 68(g)(i). This recommendation is also reproduced in Section III.C on p. 15.