

- lated Instruments are considered relevant. The Secretariat shall promptly deliver copies of the request to all Contracting Parties.
- (b) The interests of other Contracting Parties shall be taken into account during the resolution of a dispute. Any other Contracting Party having a substantial interest in a matter shall have the right to be heard by the panel and to make written submissions to it, provided that both the disputing Contracting Parties and the Secretariat have received written notice of its interest no later than the date of establishment of the panel, as determined in accordance with sub-paragraph (c).
- (c) A panel shall be deemed to be established 45 days after the receipt of the written request of a Contracting Party by the Secretariat pursuant to sub-paragraph (a).
- (d) A panel shall be composed of three members who shall be chosen by the Secretary-General from the roster described in paragraph (7). Except where the disputing Contracting Parties agree otherwise, the members of a panel shall not be citizens of Contracting Parties which either are party to the dispute or have notified their interest in accordance with sub-paragraph (b), or citizens of states members of a Regional Economic Integration Organization which either is party to the dispute or has notified its interest in accordance with sub-paragraph (b).
- (e) The disputing Contracting Parties shall respond within ten working days to the nominations of panel members and shall not oppose nominations except for compelling reasons.
- (f) Panel members shall serve in their individual capacities and shall neither seek nor take instruction from any government or other body. Each Contracting Party undertakes to respect these principles and not to seek to influence panel members in the performance of their tasks. Panel members shall be selected with a view to ensuring their independence, and that a sufficient diver-
- instrumenter, der betragtes som relevante. Sekretariatet tilsender straks alle de kontraherende parter en genpart af anmodningen.
- b) Der skal tages hensyn til andre kontraherende parters interesser ved bilæggelsen af en tvist. Andre parter, der har en væsentlig interesse i et givet spørgsmål, har ret til at blive hørt af panelet og forelægge dette skriftlige bemærkninger, forudsat at begge de stridende kontraherende parter og Sekretariatet senest på datoen for panelets oprettelse i overensstemmelse med litra c) har modtaget skriftlig anmeldelse af den pågældende interesse.
- c) Et panel anses for oprettet 45 dage efter Sekretariatets modtagelse af den skriftlige anmodning fra en kontraherende part i henhold til litra a).
- d) Et panel består af tre medlemmer, som vælges af generalsekretæren fra den i punkt 7 beskrevne liste. Medmindre de stridende kontraherende parter enes om andet, må medlemmerne af et panel ikke være statsborgere i kontraherende parter, som enten er part i tvisten, eller som har anmeldt deres interesse i overensstemmelse med litra b), eller statsborgere i stater, der er medlemmer af en regional organisation for økonomisk integration, som enten er part i tvisten, eller som har anmeldt sin interesse i overensstemmelse med litra b).
- e) De stridende kontraherende parter skal inden ti arbejdsdage udtale sig om udnævnelse af panelmedlemmer og må kun modsætte sig sådanne udnævnelser aftvingende årsager.
- f) Panelmedlemmerne vælges på grundlag af deres individuelle færdigheder og kan hverken anmode om eller modtage instrukser fra regeringer eller andre instanser. Hver kontraherende part forpligter sig til at overholde disse principper og ikke at søge at påvirke panelmedlemmerne i udøvelsen af deres opgaver. Ved udvælgelsen af panelmedlemmerne tages der hensyn til, at deres