Requesting Assistance under Article X

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Request for Assistance

States Parties have the right to request and receive assistance if:

- Chemical weapons have been used against it

- Riot control agents (RCA) have been used against it as a method of warfare

- It is threatened by actions or activities of any State that are prohibited for States Parties by Article I of the CWC.
Guidelines and Formats

- Any method of official contact is sufficient to initiate activity within the TS
- Two recent Notes were issued setting out the procedure for requesting assistance (traditional mechanism or Rapid Response):
  - Initial contact with the Operations Centre (available 24/7)
  - Formal request with the Assistance Request Form
  - Information exchange between RSP and TS
  - DG decision regarding sufficiency of information
  - Information to Requesting State Party and Executive Council