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to the Convention on the Prohibition of the
Development, Production and Stockpiling
of Bacteriological (Biological) and
Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction**

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Agenda item 10(b)

**Review of the operation of the Convention as
provided for in its Article XII
Articles I-XV**

**International Activities of Global Partnership Member
Countries related to Article X of the Biological and Toxin
Weapons Convention**

Addendum

Submitted by Italy

In addition to information received in document BWC/CONF.VIII/WP.21, following relevant projects under Article X, have been submitted by Italy:

Middle East

<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Support to Duhok governorate Healthcare System</i>
Partner Country/Region	Iraqi Kurdistan, Duhok governorate
Implementing Country	Italy
Collaborating Institution or Partner(s)	Department of Biomedical Sciences of the University of Sassari
Project Value	€595,008
Duration	2014 - Present
Description	The project aims at developing the response capacity of Duhok Healthcare System in the increase of demand of health services due to humanitarian crisis in the region. The governorate will, thus, be able to deal more efficiently with first aid and emergency patients.

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<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Support to Duhok governorate Healthcare System</i>
	<p>The technical assistance will also ensure the development of competences, guidelines and procedures for the Blood Transfusion Centre and the relevant protocols for the quality of the sample analysis.</p> <p>The project aims at the following results:</p> <p>Improve the capabilities of the Blood Bank service;</p> <p>Improve the capabilities of the emergency services to citizens (evaluation of the emergency, triage, first aid, stabilization or eventual transfer of patients in facilities with suitable and final treatment);</p> <p>Improve the clinical and managerial capacities of the Heevi Hospital for Children to deal with an expanded workload.</p>
<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Pilot Project for the development of a system for health monitoring and epidemiological surveillance</i>
Partner Country/Region	Autonomous Region of Kurdistan, Iraq
Implementing Country	Italy
Collaborating Institution or Partner(s)	Department of Biomedicine and Prevention of Tor Vergata University
Project Value	€474,100 (\$2,1 billion for the next 5 years)
Duration	2015 – March 2016
Description	<p>The project aims at developing an epidemiological monitoring and surveillance system in the Autonomous Region of Kurdistan in Iraq for the gathering of updated data on the diseases trend. Such project involves the training of a group of 150 highly specialized personnel in the biomedical area, and the implementation of interconnected standardized systems for data gathering and management, as well as epidemiological surveillance programmes.</p> <p>The management of those standardized systems will allow the transition to a computerised system available both for hospitals and for the Primary Health Centres in the Region.</p>

Africa

<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Bilateral Emergency Program in Sierra Leone implemented by Italian NGOs to establish first aid posts for identification and treatment of Ebola patients</i>
Partner Country/Region	Sierra Leone
Implementing Country	Italy
Project Value	€3,000,000

<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Bilateral Emergency Program in Sierra Leone implemented by Italian NGOs to establish first aid posts for identification and treatment of Ebola patients</i>
Duration	June 2016 – June 2017
Description	Bilateral Emergency Program in Sierra Leone carried out by Italian NGOs (EMERGENCY, CUAMM, ENGIM, COOPI, DOKITA, AVSI and Associazione Giovanni XXIII) in Freetown (Goderich Hospital run by Emergency), and 3 other areas in the districts of Pujehun, Port Loko, and Bombali.
<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Bilateral Emergency initiative in Sierra Leone implemented by Italian NGOs and by the Hospital Spallanzani of Rome</i>
Partner Country/Region	Sierra Leone
Implementing Country	Italy
Collaborating Institution or Partner(s)	NGOs and Hospital Spallanzani of Rome
Project Value	€ 1,2 million
Duration	2015-2016
Description	Bilateral Emergency initiative to provide immediate humanitarian response to the Ebola outbreak.
<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Transport of medical supplies to Sierra Leone in favour of two Italian NGOs</i>
Partner Country/Region	Sierra Leone
Implementing Country	Italy
Collaborating Institution or Partner(s)	Italian Development Cooperation
Project Value	€20,000
Duration	2015-2016
Description	Transport of medical supplies to Sierra Leone in support of two Italian NGOs (ENGIM and EMERGENCY)
<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Fight to Ebola virus</i>
Partner Country/Region	Sierra Leone
Implementing Country	Italy,
Collaborating Institution or Partner(s)	UNICEF

<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Fight to Ebola virus</i>
Project Value	€1,000,000
Duration	2015-2016
Description	<p>Support to UNICEF project “Integrated Community Engagement for Ebola Response and Recovery” in the four districts of Port Loko, Kambia, Makeni with the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social mobilization and community engagement • Infection prevention and control and access to safe water and sanitation in communities, health centres and schools • Child protection and psychosocial support for children affected by EVD • Access to health services, Ebola-related supplies and training of health workers • Revitalization of basic services • Ebola preparedness and prevention activities
<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Fight against malaria in Burkina Faso through education and research</i>
Partner Country/Region	Burkina Faso
Implementing Country	Italy
Collaborating Institution or Partner(s)	University La Sapienza of Rome
Project Value	€3,820,000
Duration	2015 - 2017
Description	<p>The project, lasting 36 months, is co-funded for 52.4% (€ 2,000,000.00) by the Italian Government and the balance 47.6% (€ 1,820,000.00) from 17 Italian and burkinabé institutions.</p> <p>The project will be coordinated by the parasitology Section of the Department of public health and infectious diseases at the University of Rome la Sapienza, which will oversee the infrastructures and vocational training components.</p> <p>The partner institution and coordinator of program activities in Faso Burkina Faso, Guinea and Niger is the Centre National de Recherche et de Formation sur le Paludisme l’Afrique (CNRFP) of the Ministry of health of Burkina Faso, who formulated the detailed project together with Sapienza University.</p> <p>Beneficiaries of the programme are the technical-scientific institutions Niger, Burkina Faso and Guinea working in the study and in the fight against malaria the National Programme for the fight against Malaria in Burkina and the people of Burkina Faso, Guinea and Niger.</p>
<i>Project Title</i>	<i>“Training and operational research to improve the retention in-care of HIV infected people in Tigray, Ethiopia”</i>
Partner	Ethiopia; Tigray

<i>Project Title</i>	<i>“Training and operational research to improve the retention in-care of HIV infected people in Tigray, Ethiopia”</i>
Country/Region	
Implementing Country	Italy
Collaborating Institution or Partner(s)	Istituto Superiore di Sanità
Project Value	€292,000
Duration	middle 2015-2016 (1 year)
Description	The objective of the project is to improve the retention in care of the patients with HIV/AIDS through a holistic approach including training, proper use of antiretroviral therapy (ARV) and the active involvement of patient organisations for the fulfilment of the follow up assistance. The ultimate purpose of the operation is to stop and reverse the spread of major communicable diseases such as HIV/AIDS in Ethiopia by improving the participating health care facilities in the Tigray region.
