

**Ninth Review Conference of the States Parties
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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Combined proposals made to the Committee of the Whole

Addendum

The following text should be added at the end of the section for the “Solemn Declaration”:

[KAZ] Their conviction that the COVID-19 pandemic created a political momentum and highlighted the increased need for the international community to address biological safety and security as an emerging global challenge in a collective and collaborative manner; their recognition of importance to establish a permanent structure to promote peaceful uses of biotechnologies and confidence-building measures, to prevent the diversion of peaceful activities and verify compliance with the Biological Weapons Convention norms.

The following text should be added to the section on Article III:

[JAP] The Conference stressed that the existing export control regime plays significant roles in assisting States Parties to implement the obligations under Article III of the Convention and United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540.

The following text should be added to the section on Article IV:

[CHN] 14. bis The conference decides to:

- (a) endorse the Tianjin Biosecurity Guidelines for Codes of Conduct for Scientists;
- (b) encourage all stakeholders to voluntarily incorporate elements from the Tianjin Biosecurity Guidelines for Codes of Conduct for Scientists in their practices, protocols, and regulations, and to disseminate the Guidelines, as appropriate, to promote responsible science.

The following text should be added to the section on Article IV:

[USA] and contribute to [BRA] detecting, preventing and] combating the acquisition [BRA] transfer and use of biological and toxin weapons, including by non-state actors.

The following text should be added to the section on Article IV:

[JAP] The Conference recognises that education on biosafety and biosecurity to promote awareness among relevant professionals in the private and public sectors contributes to strengthening the implementation of the obligations under Article IV.



The following text should be added to the section on Article IV:

[KEN & PAN] 13.e(bis): To create opportunities for young people to pursue careers in life sciences, biosecurity and biosafety, science diplomacy and in other fields relevant to the Convention in order to maximize the benefits of scientific discoveries for the prevention of diseases and epidemics, the achievement of sustainable development and other peaceful purposes.

[KEN & PAN] 14 bis Work cooperatively with private sector partners, relevant international organizations, nongovernmental organizations, academia, **and the scientific community, including youth-driven networks and organizations**, to achieve the objective of strengthened laboratory biosafety and laboratory biosecurity; and

The following text should be added to the section on Article IV:

[NOR] 14. In this context, the Conference welcomes efforts by States Parties, international, regional and subregional organisations as well as non-governmental stakeholders, to develop model legislation and guidance on national implementation, which can assist States Parties in implementing the obligations of the Convention.

The following text should be added to the section on Article V:

[RUS] In order to foster confidence among States Parties the Conference decides to introduce a new confidence-building measures form entitled «Military biomedical activity conducted by a reporting State on the territory of other States» as contained in Annex 1 and to supplement Form G «Declaration of vaccine production facilities» with part II on vaccine production facilities for the protection of animals as contained in Annex 2.

The following text should be added to the section on Article VII as paragraph 38 bis:

[SAF] 38. bis The Conference notes that establishing voluntary guidelines for requesting assistance could facilitate prompt response and the provision of timely humanitarian and other necessary emergency assistance by States Parties, if requested in the event of use of biological weapons, including any request for assistance pursuant to Article VII. To that end, the Conference therefore decides to adopt the voluntary guidelines in Annex 1, which a State Party could use as a template to submit a request for/as part of the process of invoking Article VII. The Conference recognizes a State Party may choose to request that the UNSC consider whether that Party has been exposed to danger as a result of a violation of the Convention and that other Parties provide it with assistance without using these guidelines. The Conference acknowledges that although the use of these guidelines is not mandatory, the template can be valuable to States Parties in identifying what information might be helpful in determining how best to provide assistance. The following information could be useful when submitting a request for assistance:

- (a) Name of the State Party.
- (b) National Point of Contact of State Party.
- (c) Date and place of first reported case. If there was a related event, a description of the event. To the extent possible, the date and time, when the alleged event(s) took place and/or became apparent to the requesting State Party and, if possible, the duration of the alleged event(s).
- (d) Severity of the event. Number of cases and the number of fatalities, if any.
- (e) Symptoms and signs – diagnosis if possible. Information on the initial treatment and the preliminary results of the treatment of the disease.
- (f) A description of the area involved.
- (g) All available epidemiological information.
- (h) Actions taken to manage the outbreak.
- (i) International organisations already involved in the provision of assistance.
- (j) States already involved in the provision of assistance.
- (k) Indications of why the outbreak is considered to be the result of a biological attack.
- (l) Characteristics of the agent involved, if available.

- (m) Types and scope of assistance required.
- (n) Indication of any investigations conducted or being conducted.
- (o) Contact details for coordination of assistance if different from National Point of Contact.
- (p) Licensing requirements for health care personnel and measures to address such requirements.
- (q) Immigration processes for personnel and equipment for the provision of assistance.

The following text should be added to the section on Article VII:

[NAM] The Conference notes with satisfaction that these provisions have not been invoked (Final Document 7th Review Conference). However, the international community should be prepared to face such situation well in advance and to dispatch [UK] **timely** emergency assistance [UK] **including humanitarian and other relevant emergency assistance** in case of use of bacteriological (biological) or toxin weapons, and also to provide humanitarian assistance in case of the threat of use of such weapons, to the requesting State Party.
