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COMPILATION OF QUESTIONS FOR THE ITEM "DEFINITIONS  
OF TERMS AND OBJECTIVE CRITERIA "

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I. Definitions

- To which extent would a definition of terms and of objective criteria be useful/necessary for the implementation of specific measures designed to strengthen the Convention?
- Is such a definition possible without impact on the scope of the BTWC?
- Could it be helpful to avoid definitions and to enable implementation of a protocol using lists of agents/equipment/activities as objective criteria?
- Might there be a need for further "objective criteria"?
- If yes, which type(s) of criteria?

II. Lists

1. List of agents

- Could specific measures, e.g. declarations and on-site inspections, be implemented without a list of relevant agents?
- Could such a list be established/modified without criteria determining which agents are relevant and should such criteria therefore be included in the list?
- Should the list include quantity thresholds?
- To which extent should the list include animal and plant pathogens?
- What would be the function of such a list for declarations?

- What would be the function of such a list for different kinds of inspections?
2. List of equipment
- Could a list of relevant equipment play a role in the implementation of specific measures?
  - If yes, how to establish such a list (criteria)?
3. List of activities
- Could a list of relevant activities play a role in the implementation of specific measures?
  - If yes, how to establish such a list (criteria)?

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