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## DECLARATIONS

### Working Paper submitted by the Friend of the Chair on Compliance Measures

#### PURPOSE

Declarations strengthen confidence in compliance: by promoting transparency, thus helping to avoid false suspicions of non-compliance; by providing a picture of the microbiological activities in a State Party; by making evasion of obligations more difficult thus having a deterrent effect.

CBM response disappointing; further reflection needed on reasons.

#### SCOPE

##### General Considerations

States should be required to declare activities/facilities of clear relevance to objective of strengthening confidence in compliance.

Need to avoid capturing irrelevant activities/facilities.

Declaration requirements need to be precise.

##### Specific Criteria for Declarations

A State Party would be required to submit a declaration if any one, or any combination of (a) - (g) below apply in its territory.

- (a) Military microbiological programmes/facilities
- Should include national biological defence research and development (as in CBM A (2)).

- Should we include:
  - Production, acquisition and storage of detection equipment, vaccines etc?
  - Contingent as well as active facilities?
  - Past defensive and offensive activities? (as in CBM F)
  - Military hygiene? Can we define military hygiene? Should we limit requirement to military hygiene involving listed pathogens and toxins?
  - Military related activities funded by non-military government departments?
  - Civil biological defence?

(b) High containment facilities

- Should include all BL4 (WHO criteria)/P4 facilities (as in CBM A (1)).
- How relevant are BL3 facilities? Should we include those for military purposes and/or with production facilities? Are these adequately covered by other criteria?
- How can we cover relevant veterinary and botanical facilities?
- Should we include any BL2 facilities?

(c) Work with listed pathogens and toxins

- Should include all facilities working with listed human, animal and plant pathogens.
- “Working with” should cover possession as well as use.
- Is there a role for quantities/quantitative information?

(d) Aerobiology/aerosol dissemination

- Should include possession of microbiological aerosol explosive test chambers.
- Should this only extend to aerosol test chambers working with listed pathogens and toxins?

- Aerosol dissemination: should this include release of microbiological pathogens other than for routine agricultural work?
- (e) Production microbiology
  - Should include human and animal vaccine production facilities.
  - Should production by fermentation of other pharmaceuticals and animal health products be included?
- (f) Genetic manipulation
  - Should include genetic manipulation of listed agents.
  - Would it be useful to include other genetic manipulation?
- (g) Others
  - What role could equipment play as a trigger for declarations?
  - Should transfer data be a trigger for declarations?

#### Exemptions

Any facility meeting any (or some) of the above criteria should be declared unless it is involved in purely diagnostic activities.

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