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DEFINITIONS FOR SOME TERMS RELATED TO MEASURES UNDER DISCUSSION
FOR STRENGTHENING THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS

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1. **“Biological Weapon”** means the following, together or separately:

(a) Biological agents and toxins, not including those for purposes not prohibited by the Convention;

(b) Munitions and devices, specially designed for the releasing of biological agents and toxins indicated in item (a) and for hostile purposes and in armed conflicts to produce casualties;

(c) Any equipment specially designed for the direct use of articles of item (b).

2. **“Biological Agents for Biological Weapons”**:

Microbial agents and other biological agents, whatever their origin or method of production, of types and in quantities showing no justification for prophylactic, protective or other peaceful purposes.

3. **“Toxins for Biological Weapons”**:

Toxins, both proteinaceous and nonproteinaceous, whatever their origin or method of production, of types and in quantities showing no justification for prophylactic, protective or other peaceful purposes.

4. **“Development of Biological Weapons”** means the following, together or separately:

(a) Pilot production for purposes prohibited by the Convention, not including the pilot production of vaccines, drugs, biological pesticides and rodenticides, for purposes not prohibited by the Convention;

(b) Design and test of munitions and devices for the releasing of biological agents and toxins prohibited by the Convention;

(c) Design and test of any equipment, such as the filling equipment, for the purpose of directly releasing biological munitions or special devices.

5. **“Production of Biological Weapons”** means the following, together or separately:

(a) The production of biological agents and toxins for purposes prohibited by the Convention;

(b) The production of munitions and devices for the purpose of releasing biological agents and toxins prohibited by the Convention;

(c) Production of any equipment, such as the filling equipment, for the purpose of directly releasing biological munitions or special devices.

6. **“Production Facilities”**:

Production facilities with fermentation, purification and pulverisation capacities that can be used to produce biological agents and toxins prohibited by the Convention, especially facilities of fermentation, purification and pulverisation having biosafety level of and above BL3, not including production facilities for peaceful purposes of medicine and agriculture under GMP conditions.

7. **“Production Capabilities”**:

Capabilities of production, purification and pulverisation having biosafety level of and above BL3, not including production capabilities for peaceful purposes of producing vaccines, drugs, biological pesticides and rodenticides and others under GMP conditions.

8. **“Purposes not Prohibited”**:

(a) Peaceful purposes and not for hostile or armed conflict purposes, including peaceful engagement of biological research, application and utilisation of biological agents and toxins in medicine, agriculture and industry, such as for disease diagnosis, prevention and treatment, biological control of agricultural diseases, pesticides, deratization;

(b) Defensive purposes, i.e., purposes directly related to the protection against biological weapons;

(c) Purposes not related to biological weapons and independent of the use of the virulence/toxicity of biological agents and toxins as a method of warfare.
