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## **FRIEND OF THE CHAIR ON CONFIDENCE BUILDING AND TRANSPARENCY MEASURES**

This paper is without prejudice to the positions of delegations on the issues under consideration in the Ad Hoc Group and does not imply agreement on the scope or content of the paper.

### Multilateral Information Sharing

1. Sharing of information on issues relating to materials and activities of potential relevance to the BWC and the Protocol.
2. Sharing of information
  - 2.1 Between States Parties (with the assistance of the BWC organization).
  - 2.2 Between the organization and international organizations.
  - 2.3 Between the organization and non-governmental organizations and programmes/initiatives.
3. Areas which could be covered
  - 3.1 Surveillance of disease outbreaks.
    - 3.1.1 Reporting of disease outbreaks.
    - 3.1.2 Reporting of unusual disease outbreaks.
  - 3.2 Shared information on pharmaceutical and vaccine production, good manufacturing practices.
  - 3.3 Information technology applications for consultation and training.
    - 3.3.1 Transfer and exchange of information concerning research programmes in biosciences.

3.3.2 “Virtual” attendance at scientific conferences and consultation in relevant areas.

3.3.3 Consultation in completing CBM requirements and reporting obligations.

4. Possible forms of information sharing

4.1 Between States Parties (organization as “hub”).

4.1.1 Creation of network to report on unusual outbreaks of disease (via secure World Wide Web page access)

4.1.2 World Wide Web and video conferencing connectivity/network to support information sharing (vaccines, GMP, etc.), consultation and training.

4.2 Between the organization and international organizations.

4.2.1 Information sharing with WHO, FAO, OIA on relevant disease outbreaks.

4.3 Between the organization and non-governmental organizations and programmes/initiatives.

4.3.1 Information sharing with PROMED, NEED on relevant disease outbreaks.

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