

**FIFTH 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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STRENGTHENING CONFIDENCE – BUILDING MEASURES

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Introduction

The Confidence-Building Measures as defined by the Third Review Conference provide only for declarations relevant to humans in terms of research facilities and production facilities.

Similar facilities working with animal or plant pathogens are equally relevant to the Convention and should therefore also be declared in the CBM Declarations.

PROPOSALS FOR STRENGTHENING CBM DECLARATIONS

CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURE “A”

It is proposed that the text describing the modalities for CBM “A” be amended to read:

“The **Fifth** Review Conference agreed that data should be provided by States Parties on each facility, within their territory or under their jurisdiction or control anywhere, which has any maximum containment laboratories meeting those criteria for such maximum containment laboratories as specified in the 1993 WHO Laboratory Biosafety Manual such as those designated as biosafety level 4 (BL4) or P4 or equivalent standards; **or those designed and used to handle and work with biological agents causing disease and known or suspected to meet the classification criteria of Group 4 animal pathogens, as determined by each State Party for itself and specified in the Amendment to the International Animal Health Code adopted by the International Committee of the Organisation Internationale des Epizootics during its 66th General Session, 1998.**”

(Proposed text in bold)

CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURE “G”

It is proposed that the text describing the modalities for CBM “G” be amended to read:

- Declaration of Vaccine production facilities

“To further increase the transparency of biological research and development related to the Convention and to broaden scientific and technical knowledge as agreed in Article X, each State Party will declare all facilities, both governmental and non-governmental, within its territory or under its jurisdiction or control anywhere, producing: ~~vaccines licensed by the State Party for the protection of humans.~~

- (a) **Any vaccine for humans that is for the general public or for armed forces, or which was licensed, registered or otherwise approved by a component of the government of the State Party for distribution or sale;**
- (b) **Any vaccine for animals that is available to the general public, or which was licensed, registered or otherwise approved by a component of the government of the State Party for distribution or sale.**

Information shall be provided on Form G attached.” *(Proposed text in bold; text to be deleted, struck out).*

ADDITIONAL CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURE “H”

- **Declaration of plant inoculant and biocontrol agent production facilities**

“To further increase the transparency of biological research and development related to the Convention and to broaden scientific and technical knowledge as agreed in Article X, each State Party will declare all facilities, both governmental and non-governmental, within its territory or under its jurisdiction or control anywhere, producing biocontrol agents or plant inoculants. Information shall be provided on Form “H” attached.

Modalities

The Fifth Review Conference agreed the following definitions:

Biocontrol agent means a living organism or biologically active substance originating from such an organism used for the prevention, elimination or reduction of plant diseases, pests or unwanted plants.

Plant inoculant means any formulation containing a pure culture or a predetermined mixture of micro-organisms that alter the properties of plants or crops.

Form H

Declaration of biocontrol agent and plant inoculant production facilities

1. **Name of facility:**
 2. **Location (mailing address) :**
 3. **General description of the products produced:**
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