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### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Working paper submitted by China**

1. The Conference acknowledges the importance of this article and reiterates that no State party should assist, encourage or induce any recipient, including States, groups of States, international organizations, sub-State-level organizations, entities and individuals, to acquire the agents, toxins, weapons, equipment or means of delivery prohibited therein.
2. The Conference takes note of the legislative or administrative measures taken to give effect to this article that have been referred to by the States parties in their statements to the Review Conference and calls on all States parties to take all appropriate, practical and effective action in accordance with their Constitutions and legislative procedures to ensure that the article is put into effect.
3. The Conference notes with concern the incorrect practices and adverse trends that have emerged during the implementation of this article, which it regards as obstructing or damaging normal international contacts and cooperation among States parties in pursuit of peace, emphasizes the importance of full, balanced compliance with all articles of the Convention, and calls on the States parties concerned to reconsider and correct the measures they have taken in implementation of the article so as to ensure that they do not affect the action undertaken by all States parties to the Convention under article 10.

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