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ARTICLE IV

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1. The Conference emphasizes the importance of article IV and reiterates that States parties should take all necessary action in conformity with their constitutional and legislative procedures to prohibit and prevent any individual, organization or entity from developing, producing, stockpiling, acquiring, retaining or using the agents, toxins, weapons, equipment and means of delivery prohibited by the Convention within their territory or territory under their jurisdiction or control.
2. The Conference notes that some States parties have already taken action to this end and again calls on/encourages other States parties to take all necessary action in conformity with their constitutional procedures.
3. The Conference notes that some States parties have put forward new viewpoints and proposals on the strengthening of domestic legislation and considers that those viewpoints and proposals merit further exploration and research. At the same time, it welcomes and encourages the expression of viewpoints and proposals by other States parties.
