

**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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**THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS**

**Working paper by NAM and Other States**

**Article I**

The Conference reaffirms that biological weapons pose a serious threat to mankind, and any use of biological weapons would be a violation of the Convention and the Geneva Protocol of 1925, and a crime against humanity.

The Conference emphasizes that the principles and objectives of, and obligations assumed under, the Geneva Protocol of 1925 and the Convention represent an unequivocal determination for the sake of all humankind to exclude completely the possibility of microbial and other biological agents, and toxins being used as weapons.

The Conference reaffirms the determination of the States Parties to accomplish the total elimination of all weapons of mass destruction.

The Conference reaffirms the determination of the States Parties also to achieve general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control, which is the ultimate objective of the efforts of States in the disarmament process.

The Conference reaffirms that the use by the States Parties, in any way and under any circumstances, of microbial or other biological agents or toxins, that is not consistent with the prophylactic, protective or other peaceful purposes, is effectively a violation of Article I of the Convention.

The Conference reaffirms the undertaking in Article I never in any circumstances to develop, produce, stockpile or otherwise acquire or retain weapons, equipment or means of delivery designed to use such agents or toxins for hostile purposes or in armed conflict, in order to exclude completely and forever the possibility of their use.

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