

**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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1. The Conference notes the importance of Article I as the fundamental provision which defines the scope of the Convention.
 2. The Conference reaffirms that the use of microbial or other biological agents, or toxins, whatever their origin or method of production, in any way that is not consistent with prophylactic, protective or other peaceful purposes, is violation of Article I of the Convention.
 3. The Conference solemnly recalls 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.
 4. The Conference also reaffirms that the Convention unequivocally covers all microbial or other biological agents or toxins, naturally or artificially created or altered, whatever their origin or method of production, as well as chemical components and products of living organisms and their analogs and modified derivatives, whether isolated, synthesized, cloned or produced by any combination of means, with a capacity for generating potentially adverse physiological effects.
 5. The Conference reaffirms as well that the undertaking contained in Article I applies to all relevant scientific and technological developments in the fields of microbiology, biotechnology, and genetic engineering, including all developments in respect to the human genome and its present and future applications.
 6. The Conference appeals through their States Parties to their scientific communities to lend their support only to activities that have justification under the Convention for prophylactic, protective and other peaceful purposes and refrain from undertaking or supporting activities which are in breach of the obligations deriving from provisions of the Convention.
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