

**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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**ARTICLE X: INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS FOR INTERNATIONAL CO-  
OPERATION AND ASSISTANCE**

**Working paper by NAM and Other States**

1. The States Parties should provide a forum for consultation and creation of opportunities for co-operation on matters related to the promotion of scientific and technological exchange in the field of peaceful bacteriological (biological) and toxin activities, and review of the implementation of Article X of the Convention among the States Parties.
  2. To achieve this, an open-ended Co-operation Committee should be established, which would meet on a regular basis (at least annually) to consult on, monitor and review activities fostering international co-operation and assistance and the fullest possible exchanges of equipment, materials and scientific and technological information for the use of microbial and other biological agents, and toxins for peaceful purposes.
  3. The Committee should review and make recommendations to the States Parties on the implementation of measures to promote scientific and technological exchanges between States Parties.
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