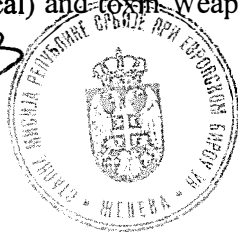




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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Serbia to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Implementation Support Unit of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction (BWC) and has the honor to submit the Annual Report on Confidence Building Measures by the Republic of Serbia, covering the 2020 calendar year.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Serbia to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Implementation Support Unit of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and toxin Weapons and on their Destruction (BWC) the assurances of its highest consideration.



Geneva, 10 August 2021

Implementation Support Unit
BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION (BWC)

THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

April 2021

**REPORT BY THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH FINAL DECLARATION OF THE
THIRD REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF
THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL)
AND TOXIN WEAPONS AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

The Republic of Serbia reports the following information in accordance with the Final Declaration of the Third Review Conference of the parties to the Convention, with the annex to the Final declaration on Conference Building Measures, and with the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Meeting of scientific and technical Experts from States Parties to the Convention

Revised forms for the submission of the Confidence-Building Measures

At the Third Review Conference it was agreed that all States Parties present the following declaration, later amended by the Seventh Review Conference:

Declaration form on Nothing to Declare or Nothing New to Declare for use in the information exchange

Measure	Nothing to declare	Nothing new to declare	Year of last declaration if nothing new to declare
A, part 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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G	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date: **APRIL 2021**

State Party to the Convention **The Republic of Serbia**

Date of ratification/accession to the Convention: **07.02.1973**

National point of contact: **col Assist. Prof. Srđan Lazić MD PhD**

Exchange of data on research centres and laboratories

The Republic of Serbia does not currently have maximum containment Biosafety Level 3 and 4 (BL 3, BL 4) laboratories, which meet the criteria for a “maximum containment laboratory” as specified in WHO Laboratory Biosafety Manual. None are envisaged for the foreseeable future.

Form A, part 1(ii)

Biosafety level 3	NO
Biosafety level 2	YES

National biological defence research and development programme Declaration

Is there a national programme to conduct biological defence research and development within the territory of the State Party, under its jurisdiction or control anywhere? Activities of such a programme would include prophylaxis, studies on pathogenicity and virulence, diagnostic techniques, aerobiology, detection, treatment, toxicology, physical protection, decontamination and other related research.

NO

Background information on outbreaks of reportable infectious diseases

Current status:

Republic of Serbia had an outbreak of COVID 19 in 2020 and tis outbreak is still in progres.

Data regarding human diseases and zoonoses have been collected and co-ordinated methodically since 2005 under the auspices of the Republics Institute for Public Health. This is reported to the World Health Organisation (WHO), Geneva, via the Ministry of Health.

The State Veterinary Services/Department of Agriculture reports animals diseases to the OIE (Organisation International des Epizooties). Plant diseases are monitored nationally but are not systematically reported in the same way.

Reportable infectious diseases	Years				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of cases per year	267 746	207 456	11 960	46 081	610 000 *

* preliminary data – Outbreak COVID 19

Form B (ii)

Information on outbreaks of infectious diseases and similar occurrences, that seems to deviate from the normal pattern

1. Time of cognizance of the outbreak ...No one registered.

Form C

Encouragement of publication of results and promotion of use of knowledge

Current status:

As no active programmes of research directly related to the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention exist in Republic of Serbia, there is no publication in the area.

All non-commercial research regarding biological science and infectious diseases is published in national and international journals. In Republic of Serbia, Government policy is to promote transparency and dissemination of knowledge in the biological sciences, especially in the field of human epidemiology.

Form E

Declaration of legislation, regulations and other measures

Current status:

Republic of Serbia is currently conducting a review of its national legislation to identify where further legislation may be required to fulfil all of States obligations, as set out in the Convention.

<u>Relating to</u>	<u>Legislation</u>	<u>Regulations</u>	<u>Other measures</u>	<u>Amended since last year</u>
(a) Development, production stockpiling, acquisition or retention of microbial or other biological agents, or toxins, weapons, equipment and means of delivery specified in Article I	YES	YES	NO	NO
(b) Exports of micro-organisms* and toxins	Draft	NO	YES	NO
(c) Imports of micro-organisms* and toxins	Draft	NO	YES	NO

* Micro-organisms pathogenic to man, animals and plants in accordance with the Convention.

Declaration of past activities in offensive and/or defensive biological research and development programmes

1. Date of entry into force of the Convention for The Republic of Serbia
(as a successor of the former Socialistic Federative Republic of Yugoslavia):
7 February 1973

2. Past offensive biological research and development programmes:

- NO

3. Past defensive biological research and development programmes:

- NO

Form G

Declaration of vaccine production facilities

1. Name of facility: Institute of Immunology and Virusology “Torlak” - Belgrade
2. Location (mailing address): Vojvode Stepe 458, 11152 Belgrade, Serbia, Republic of Serbia
3. General description of the types of diseases covered:
 - Diphtheria vaccine
 - Tetanus vaccine
 - Pertussis vaccine
 - Poliomyelitis vaccine
 - BCG vaccine