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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 United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs and has the honour to enclose herewith the annual Confidence-Building Measures for the year 2017 by the Republic of Serbia under the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction.

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 United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

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# **THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA**

**March 2018**

**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"/>
A, part 2 (i)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A, part 2 (ii)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A, part 2 (iii)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date: **March 2018**

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

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

National point of contact: **col Assoc. 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.**

Biosafety level 3	NO
Biosafety level 2	NO

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 no outbreaks of infectious diseases and similar occurrence caused by toxins of which we are aware, that deviate from the normal.

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				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Number of cases per year	326 479	247 735	261 919	267 746	272 000 *

\* preliminary data

**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	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
(b) Exports of micro-organisms* and toxins	<b>Draft</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
(c) Imports of micro-organisms* and toxins	<b>Draft</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>

\* 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