

## Annex I

### 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A, part 2 (i)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A, part 2 (ii)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A, part 2 (iii)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="2012"/>
C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Please mark the appropriate box(es) for each measure with a tick, and fill in the year of last declaration in the last column where applicable.)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

State Party to the Convention: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of ratification/accession to the Convention: \_\_\_\_\_

National point of contact: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Active promotion of contacts**

The Third Review Conference agreed that States parties continue to implement the following:

"Active promotion of contacts between scientists, other experts and facilities engaged in biological research directly related to the Convention, including exchanges and visits for joint research on a mutually agreed basis."

In order to actively promote professional contacts between scientists, joint research projects and other activities aimed at preventing or reducing the occurrence of ambiguities, doubts and suspicions and at improving international cooperation in the field of peaceful bacteriological (biological) activities, the Seventh Review Conference encouraged States parties to share forward looking information, to the extent possible,

- on planned international conferences, seminars, symposia and similar events dealing with biological research directly related to the Convention, and
- on other opportunities for exchange of scientists, joint research or other measures to promote contacts between scientists engaged in biological research directly related to the Convention,

including through the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) within the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs.

## **Confidence-Building Measure "B"**

### **Exchange of information on outbreaks of infectious diseases and similar occurrences caused by toxins**

At the Third Review Conference it was agreed that States Parties continue to implement the following:

Exchange of information on outbreaks of infectious diseases and similar occurrences caused by toxins, and on all such events that seem to deviate from the normal pattern as regards type, development, place, or time of occurrence. The information provided on events that deviate from the norm will include, as soon as it is available, data on the type of disease, approximate area affected, and number of cases.

The Seventh Review Conference agreed the following:

No universal standards exist for what might constitute a deviation from the normal pattern.

#### **Modalities**

The Third Review Conference agreed on the following, later amended by the Seventh Review Conference:

1. Exchange of data on outbreaks that seem to deviate from the normal pattern is considered particularly important in the following cases:

- When the cause of the outbreak cannot be readily determined or the causative agent<sup>1</sup> is difficult to diagnose,
- When the disease may be caused by organisms which meet the criteria for risk groups III or IV, according to the classification in the latest edition of the WHO Laboratory Biosafety Manual,
- When the causative agent is exotic to a given geographical region,
- When the disease follows an unusual pattern of development,
- When the disease occurs in the vicinity of research centres and laboratories subject to exchange of data under item A,
- When suspicions arise of the possible occurrence of a new disease.

2. In order to enhance confidence, an initial report of an outbreak of an infectious disease or a similar occurrence that seems to deviate from the normal pattern should be given promptly after cognizance of the outbreak and should be followed up by annual reports. To enable States Parties to follow a standardized procedure, the Conference has agreed that Form B should be used, to the extent information is known and/or applicable, for the exchange of annual information.

3. The declaration of electronic links to national websites or to websites of international, regional or other organizations which provide information on disease outbreaks (notably outbreaks of infectious diseases and similar occurrences caused by

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<sup>1</sup> It is understood that this may include organisms made pathogenic by molecular biology techniques, such as genetic engineering.

toxins that seem to deviate from the normal pattern) may also satisfy the declaration requirement under Form B.

4. In order to improve international cooperation in the field of peaceful bacteriological (biological) activities and in order to prevent or reduce the occurrence of ambiguities, doubts and suspicions, States Parties are encouraged to invite experts from other States Parties to assist in the handling of an outbreak, and to respond favourably to such invitations, respecting applicable national legislation and relevant international instruments.

## Form B

### Information on outbreaks of infectious diseases and similar occurrences, that seem to deviate from the normal pattern<sup>2</sup>

1. Time of cognizance of the outbreak \_\_\_\_\_
2. Location and approximate area affected \_\_\_\_\_
3. Type of disease/intoxication \_\_\_\_\_
4. Suspected source of disease/intoxication \_\_\_\_\_
5. Possible causative agent(s) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Main characteristics of systems \_\_\_\_\_
7. Detailed symptoms, when applicable \_\_\_\_\_
  - respiratory \_\_\_\_\_
  - circulatory \_\_\_\_\_
  - neurological/behavioural \_\_\_\_\_
  - intestinal \_\_\_\_\_
  - dermatological \_\_\_\_\_
  - nephrological \_\_\_\_\_
  - other \_\_\_\_\_
8. Deviation(s) from the normal pattern as regards \_\_\_\_\_
  - type \_\_\_\_\_
  - development \_\_\_\_\_
  - place of occurrence \_\_\_\_\_
  - time of occurrence \_\_\_\_\_
  - symptoms \_\_\_\_\_
  - virulence pattern \_\_\_\_\_
  - drug resistance pattern \_\_\_\_\_
  - agent(s) difficult to diagnose \_\_\_\_\_
  - presence of unusual vectors \_\_\_\_\_
  - other \_\_\_\_\_
9. Approximate number of primary cases \_\_\_\_\_
10. Approximate number of total cases \_\_\_\_\_
11. Number of deaths \_\_\_\_\_
12. Development of the outbreak \_\_\_\_\_
13. Measures taken \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>2</sup> See paragraph 2 of the chapeau to Confidence-Building Measure B.