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**FRIEND OF THE CHAIR ON CONFIDENCE BUILDING  
AND TRANSPARENCY MEASURES**

This paper is without prejudice to the positions of delegations on the issues under consideration in the Ad hoc Group and does not imply agreement on the scope or content of the paper.

These potential confidence building and transparency measures would be voluntary and non-mandatory, and they could be included, as appropriate, in a legally binding instrument.

As this measure is under consideration as a mandatory one in the Compliance Measures FOC discussions, it should be further studied in the light of the outcome of those discussions.

Data on transfers and transfer requests  
and on production

1. Collection and survey of national export and import data (e.g., government and industrial production statistics, culture collection records and other relevant information going beyond declaration requirements and to be provided voluntarily by States Parties).
2. Collection
  - 2.1 States Parties are requested to provide relevant information
  - 2.2 BWC Organization is to collect relevant information from publicly available sources
  - 2.3 Confidentiality concerns need to be considered
3. Survey

- 3.1 management, categorization and synthesis
  - 3.2 to be carried out by personnel with specific expertise, relying on information technology
  - 3.3 survey will have to be focused
  - 4. Sources of information
    - 4.1 trade publications
    - 4.2 specific statistical data
    - 4.3 regulations and other measures (including control)
  - 5. Information to be collected and surveyed
    - 5.1 key identifiers (triggers) should be used
      - 5.1.1 same triggers as for transfer and production declarations
      - 5.1.2 other possible triggers (e.g., for data collection under para. 2.2)
    - 5.2 information on
      - 5.2.1 suppliers and recipients
      - 5.2.2 agents
      - 5.2.3 equipment
  - 6. Modalities
    - 6.1 States Parties are requested to provide information on an annual basis (collection of national data might require national regulation)
    - 6.2 Organization is to collect and survey information continuously
    - 6.3 information is to be provided
      - 6.3.1 in one of the UN official languages
      - 6.3.2 in accordance with agreed format
      - 6.3.3 preferably in computerized format (floppy disk)
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