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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 incorporated, as appropriate, in a legally binding instrument.

Surveillance of publications

1. Collection and survey of relevant information on publicly available printed matter and the media with special attention to activities directly related to the BWC and its Protocol.
2. Collection
  - 2.1 States Parties and international organizations (WHO, FAO, OIE, ...) are requested to provide relevant information
  - 2.2 BWC Organization is to collect relevant information from publicly available sources (para. 4)
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 (para. 5)
4. Sources of information
  - 4.1 scientific publications

- 4.2 scientific journals
  - 4.3 specific statistical data
  - 4.4 relevant press data bases
  - 4.5 scientific data bases
  - 4.6 records and reports of scientific meetings and congresses
  - 4.7 information on vaccine programmes, other programmes and research concerning pathogenic organisms and toxins directed under high-containment conditions
  - 4.7 information on new market products related to rapid identification of toxins and microbial pathogens including WHO risk groups III and IV
5. Information to be collected and surveyed
- 5.1 key identifiers (triggers) should be used
    - 5.1.1 same triggers as for declarations (compliance measures)
    - 5.1.2 possibility of combining triggers
    - 5.1.3 other possible triggers (source of information linked to triggers)
6. Activities to be covered
- 6.1 unclassification of basic research and applied research in biosciences; biological research publication policy; scientific publications (1991 CBM “C” approach)
  - 6.2 all compliance relevant activities (as defined by triggers)
7. Modalities
- 7.1 States Parties and international organizations are requested to provide information on an annual basis
  - 7.2 Organization is to collect and survey information continuously

- 7.3 information is to be provided
    - 7.3.1 in one of the UN official languages
    - 7.3.2 with a short resume of publications
    - 7.3.3 preferably in computerized format (floppy disk)
  - 7.4 information collected can be accessed by States Parties
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