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Exchange visits (off-site)

1. Visits of experts arranged for scientific purposes by a State Party to comparable facilities (of potential relevance for the BWC and the Protocol) of another State Party.
2. Visits
 - 2.1 Visits would be under bilateral and/or multilateral agreement.
 - 2.2 On a voluntary and/or reciprocal basis.
 - 2.3 Visits should be in harmony with the provisions of the BWC and the Protocol.
3. Experts
 - 3.1 Administrators with expertise in science administration and related matters
 - 3.2 Agriculture
 - 3.3 Bacteriology
 - 3.4 Biochemistry
 - 3.5 Biological defence experts
 - 3.6 Biosafety
 - 3.7 Biotechnology
 - 3.8 Engineers of fermentation technology, equipment, buildings, etc.
 - 3.9 Epidemiology
 - 3.10 Immunology
 - 3.11 Medicine
 - 3.12 Pharmaceutical sciences (antibiotics and other ethiotropic drugs)
 - 3.13 Quality control experts
 - 3.14 Toxicology
 - 3.15 Veterinary science
 - 3.16 Virology

4. Scope

- 4.1 Bilateral/multilateral exchanges made in selected programme areas where common interest exists between countries.
- 4.2 Bilateral/multilateral long-term scientific exchanges covering areas of potential relevance for the BWC and the Protocol (facilities not covered by declarations).

5. Modalities

- 5.1 Could be mediated through bilateral and/or multilateral agreements.
- 5.2 For the selection and/or appointment of experts, help may be sought from specialized UN agencies (WHO, FAO, OIE, UNDP, etc.).
- 5.3 Arranged with mutual agreement on the:
 - 5.3.1 Areas of interest;
 - 5.3.2 Selection of personnel;
 - 5.3.3 Length of the scientific exchange.
- 5.4 Possibility of shorter-term exchange visits
 - 5.4.1 e.g. different types of multilateral trial inspections.