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Summary of views on definition and threshold quantities

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Definition

There was a general understanding that definition of terms was needed for some terms, particularly technical terms, in connection with specific measures. Some terms which were proposed in the Group to be defined were as follows:

1. Genetic modification or manipulation
2. Biological defence
3. Military medical programme
4. National biological defence programme
5. Diagnostic facility
6. Military related biodefence programme
7. BL3

Thresholds

Discussions were held on the possibility of having threshold quantities of agents and toxins, where relevant, for specific measures designed to strengthen the Convention.