

**AD HOC GROUP OF THE STATES PARTIES
TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION
OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND
STOCKPILING OF BACTERIOLOGICAL
(BIOLOGICAL) AND TOXIN WEAPONS
AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

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C. [THRESHOLDS] FOR AGENTS AND TOXINS

1. Each State Party can **receive and** store at facilities [~~participating ...~~] **subject to declaration in accordance with annex A, section V** established quantities of [~~biological materials~~] listed agents and toxins (annex A, section II). Specific values of quantities of [~~biological materials~~] agents and toxins shall be determined in accordance with annex A, section IV. [~~This requirement ...~~]

2. Upper and lower threshold quantities [~~of biological materials~~] are established for each listed agent or toxin./11

(Footnote 11: Specific values must be determined by the AHG.)

3. The lower threshold is used in the declaration format and corresponds to the maximum quantity of [~~biological material~~] agents or toxins which, if exceeded, is subject to annual declaration in a yes/no format.

4. The upper threshold [~~is used in carrying out on-site measures and~~] corresponds to the minimum quantity of an agent or toxin of a specific type which [~~may not be~~], **if exceeded at the facility, is subject to accounting and immediate declaration through the Organization.**

5. Each State Party shall have an obligation to declare through the Organization as soon as possible any information concerning the exceeding of the latter threshold level of listed agents and toxins.

6. Each State Party shall have the right to request, through the Organization, and seek the immediate provision of any information concerning the exceeding of the latter threshold level of listed agents and toxins by another State Party.

7. The Organization shall have the right to require of a State Party, on the basis of well-founded concerns on the part of other States Parties, that it should prevent the latter threshold level from being exceeded for specific facilities, agents and toxins.
