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OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND
STOCKPILING OF BACTERIOLOGICAL
(BIOLOGICAL) AND TOXIN WEAPONS
AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

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DEFINITIONS - PROPOSED REPLACEMENTS

In the rolling text of the Verification Protocol (VP), there are many expressions of “disease(s)”. To better understand, we propose to replace this term in the whole text of VP by the term “communicable disease(s)” because this term does not fully respect diseases caused by biological agents.

An official definition of the term “communicable disease (syn: infectious disease)” is as follows:

An illness due to a specific infectious agent or its toxic products that arises through transmission of that agent or its products from an infected person, animal, or reservoir to a susceptible host, either directly or indirectly through an intermediate plant or animal host, vector, or the inanimate environment.

Source: A Dictionary of Epidemiology, Third Edition, edited for the International Epidemiological Association by John M. Last. New York, Oxford, Toronto, Oxford University Press, 1995.

Simultaneously, we are proposing to use in the VP “intoxication(s)” and to remove “intoxination(s)”. Intoxination(s) is a term not used in medical literature.

Examples:

Food-borne botulism is a severe intoxication resulting from ingestion of preformed toxin present in contaminated food.

Staphylococcal food intoxication.. etc.

Clostridium perfringens intoxication.. etc.

Bacillus cereus food intoxication.. etc.

Source: Control of Communicable Diseases Manual. A.S. Benenson, Ed., Sixteenth Ed. 1995, An official report of the American Public Health Association.
