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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Criteria for biological agents and toxins

1. Biological agents and toxins known to have been developed, produced, stockpiled, used or intended for use in past offensive programmes for hostile purposes or in armed conflict.

2. Other biological agents and toxins known to have been accredited as most dangerous for possible development, production, stockpiling and use as weapons.[1]

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1. Ease of production stability in environment, difficulty of detection or identification especially at an early stage, infection or intoxication by a variety of routes, especially by the respiratory route, high level of morbidity, incapacity, mortality or toxicity, incubation period and high level of contagiousness in population, no effective prophylaxis and/or therapy commonly available and widely in use and other important properties can be considered.