

**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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ARTICLE VIII

CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES

A. INVESTIGATION OF OUTBREAKS OF DISEASE

1. Each State Party may at its own discretion investigate any outbreak of disease on its own territory or in any other place under its jurisdiction or control. In the investigation of a disease outbreak it may utilise the support and/or aid from any international organization or other States Parties/States.
2. A State Party may at its own discretion report the outcome of an investigation of any outbreak of disease or any other information on disease outbreaks to the Organization.

B. NATIONAL LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

3. Each State Party may at its own discretion provide a list of the number, dates and titles of legislation, regulations, directives, orders or other administrative and legal measures that govern, regulate, provide guidance on or otherwise control:
 - (a) Access to buildings or other structures in which pathogens or toxins are being produced, handled or stored;
 - (b) Access to areas in which an outbreak of infectious disease affecting humans, animals or plants is suspected or is known to be occurring.
4. The State Party may at its own discretion notify changes in such a list.
