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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT ON THE PARTICIPATION
OF STATES PARTIES IN THE AGREED CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES
(CBMs)**

1997-2001

Status as of 28 September 2001

I. Background

1. The Preparatory Committee for the Fifth Review Conference 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 decided to request a background information document providing, in summary tabular form, data on the participation of States Parties in the agreed confidence-building measures since the last Review Conference. (BWC/CONF.V/PC/1, paragraph 21)
2. This document is submitted pursuant to that request.

II. Introduction

3. In the Final Declaration adopted at the Third Review Conference of the Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention held in 1996, the States Parties agreed to implement, on the basis of mutual cooperation, the following measures in order to prevent or reduce the occurrence of ambiguities, doubts and suspicions, and in order to improve international cooperation in the field of peaceful bacteriological (biological) activities (BWC/CONF.III/23, Part II, Annex):

a. Declaration form on “Nothing to declare” or “Nothing new to declare”

b. Confidence-Building Measure A Part 1 Exchange of data on research centres and laboratories that meet very high national or international safety standards. (WHO BL4/P4)

c. Confidence-Building Measure A Part 2 Exchange of information on national biological defence research and development programmes including declarations on facilities where biological defence research and development programmes are conducted. This measure also includes information relating to contractors and on available publications.

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| d. Confidence-Building Measure B | Exchange of information on outbreaks of infectious diseases and similar occurrences caused by toxins that seem to deviate from the normal pattern. |
| e. Confidence-Building Measure C | Encouragement of publication of results of biological research directly related to the Convention and promotion of use for permitted purposes of knowledge gained in this research. |
| f. Confidence-Building Measure D | Active promotion of contacts between scientists, other experts and facilities engaged in biological research directly related to the Convention, including exchanges and visits for joint research on a mutually agreed basis. |
| g. Confidence-Building Measure E | Declaration of legislation, regulations and other measures, including exports and/or imports of pathogenic microorganisms in accordance with the Convention. |
| h. Confidence-Building Measure F | Declaration of past activities in offensive and/or defensive biological research and development programmes since 1 January 1946. |
| i. Confidence-Building Measure G | Declaration on vaccine production facilities, licensed by the State Party for the protection of humans. |

4. A summary table has been prepared in which different symbols are used to indicate the participation of the States Parties in each of the agreed Confidence-Building Measures^a:

- A declaration has been made for the particular measure.
- The “Nothing to declare” or “Nothing new to declare” declaration form was completed indicating “Nothing new to declare”
- The “Nothing to declare” or “Nothing new to declare” declaration form was completed indicating “Nothing to declare”.
- No information was submitted for the particular measure.

5. In preparing the table, the Secretariat took into full account the information provided annually by the States Parties to the United Nations and which was collated in the following documents:

^a Symbols used in the table are as follows:

- + Declaration submitted
- = “Nothing new to declare” indicated on the declaration form
- “Nothing to declare” indicated on the declaration form
- ... No information submitted on the particular measure

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PARTICIPATION OF STATES PARTIES IN THE AGREED CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES (CBMs) 1997-2001^b

STATES PARTIES With year of ratification, accession or succession	MEASURES								
	YEAR	A1	A2	B	C	D	E	F	G
1. Afghanistan 1975	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. Albania 1992	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. Argentina 1979	1997	-	-	=	=	+	+	=	=
	1998	=	=	=	=	+	+	=	=
	1999	-	-	+	=	+	+	=	+
	2000	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=
	2001	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=
4. Armenia 1994	1997-1999 ^c	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2000	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=
	2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Australia 1977	1997	+	+	+	=	+	+	=	+
	1998	+	+	+	=	+	+	=	+
	1999	=	=	+	=	=	=	=	=
	2000	+	+	+	=	+	=	=	=
	2001	+	+	+	=	+	=	=	+
6. Austria 1973	1997	=	-	-	-	-	=	-	=
	1998	=	-	-	-	-	=	-	=
	1999	=	-	-	-	-	=	-	=
	2000	=	-	-	-	-	=	-	=
	2001	=	-	-	-	-	=	-	=
7. Bahamas 1986	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8. Bahrain 1988	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9. Bangladesh 1985	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10. Barbados 1973	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

^b In submitting information for Confidence-Building Measures, not all States Parties used the declaration forms as provided in BWC/CONF.III/23, Part II, Annex.

^c A statement stressing "nothing to declare" was submitted.

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MEASURES (CBMs) 1997-2001

STATES PARTIES With year of ratification, accession or succession		MEASURES								
		YEAR	A1	A2	B	C	D	E	F	G
29. Congo	1978	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
30. Costa Rica	1973	1997-1999	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		2000-2001 ^c	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
31. Croatia	1993	1997-1998	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		1999	=	=	+	+	+	...	...	=
		2000	=	=	+	+	+	+	+	=
		2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
32. Cuba	1976	1997	+	=	+	+	+	+	=	+
		1998	...	=	+	+	+	=	=	+
		1999	+	=	+	+	+	+	=	+
		2000	=	=	+	+	+	=	=	=
		2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
33. Cyprus	1973	1997 ^c	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		1998-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
34. Czech Republic	1993	1997	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=
		1998	+	-	+	+	+	=	=	+
		1999 ^d	=/-	=/-	=/+	-	=/+	=/-	=/-	=/+
		2000 ^d	=/-	=/-	=/+	=/+	=/+	=/-	=/-	=/-
		2001	=	=	+	+	+	=	=	+
35. Democratic People's Republic of Korea	1987	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
36. Democratic Republic of the Congo	1975	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

^c A statement stressing "nothing to declare" was submitted.

^d Separate declarations from Ministries of Agriculture, Defence, Education, Youth and Sports, Health and Industry and Trade were submitted.

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STATES PARTIES		MEASURES								
		YEAR	A1	A2	B	C	D	E	F	G
37. Denmark	1973	1997	-	-	-	=	=	=	-	=
		1998-2001
38. Dominica	1978	1997-2001
39. Dominican Republic	1973	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
40. Ecuador	1975	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
41. El Salvador	1991	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
42. Equatorial Guinea	1989	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
43. Estonia	1993	1997 ^c	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		1998-2001	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-
44. Ethiopia	1975	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
45. Fiji	1973	1997 ^c	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		1998-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
46. Finland	1974	1997	+	+	+	-	+	=	-	=
		1998	=	+	+	=	-	=	-	=
		1999	=	=	+	=	+	=	-	=
		2000	+	=	+	=	+	=	-	=
		2001	=	=	+	=	-	=	-	+
47. France	1984	1997	=	=	+	+	+	=	=	=
		1998	+	=	+	...	+	=	=	=
		1999	=	=	+	+	+	=	=	+
		2000	+	+	-	+	+	-	=	-
		2001	=	+	+	+	+	=	=	+

^c A statement stressing "nothing to declare" was submitted.

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STATES PARTIES		MEASURES								
With year of ratification, accession or succession		YEAR	A1	A2	B	C	D	E	F	G
96. Peru	1985	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
97. Philippines	1973	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
98. Poland	1973	1997	=	=	=	+	+	=	=	-
		1998	=	+	=	+	+	=	=	=
		1999	=	=	=	...	+	=	=	=
		2000-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
99. Portugal	1972	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
100. Qatar	1975	1997	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		1998 ^e	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		1999-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
101. Republic of Korea	1987	1997	=	-	+	=	-	=	-	=
		1998	=	-	+	=	-	=	-	=
		1999	=	-	+	=	-	=	-	+
		2000	+	-	+	=	-	=	-	+
		2001	+	-	+	=	-	=	-	+
102. Romania	1979	1997	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	=
		1998	=	-	+	=	+	=	-	=
		1999	=	-	+	=	+	=	-	=
		2000	=	-	+	=	+	=	-	=
		2001	=	-	+	=	+	=	-	+
103. Russian Federation	1975	1997	+	+	-	=	+	=	=	+
		1998	+	+	-	+	+	+	=	+
		1999	+	+	-	+	+	+	=	+
		2000	+	+	-	+	+	+	=	+
		2001	+	+	-	+	+	+	=	+

^e A declaration was submitted stating that it did not develop, produce and stockpile biological or toxin weapons.

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STATES PARTIES With year of ratification, accession or succession		MEASURES								
		YEAR	A1	A2	B	C	D	E	F	G
104. Rwanda	1975	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
105. Saint Kitts and Nevis	1991	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
106. Saint Lucia	1986	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
107. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	1999	1999-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
108. San Marino	1975	1997 ^c	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		1998-1999	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		2000-2001 ^c	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
109. Sao Tome and Principe	1979	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
110. Saudi Arabia	1972	1997	...	-	...	...	...	...	...	...
		1998-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
111. Senegal	1975	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
112. Seychelles	1979	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
113. Sierra Leone	1976	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
114. Singapore	1975	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
115. Slovakia	1993	1997	=	-	+	-	-	=	-	=
		1998	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	=
		1999	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	=
		2000	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	=
		2001	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	=

^c A statement stressing "nothing to declare" was submitted.

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STATES PARTIES With year of ratification, accession or succession		MEASURES								
		YEAR	A1	A2	B	C	D	E	F	G
116. Slovenia	1992	1997	...	...	+	...	...	...	...	...
		1998	...	...	+	...	...	...	...	...
		1999	....	...	+	...	...	...	...	...
		2000	...	...	+	...	...	...	...	...
		2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
117. Solomon Islands	1981	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
118. South Africa	1975	1997	=	=	+	=	=	=	=	=
		1998	=	=	+	=	=	=	=	=
		1999	=	=	+	=	=	=	=	=
		2000	=	+	+	=	=	=	=	=
		2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
119. Spain	1979	1997	-	-	+	...	-	-	...	-
		1998	=	=	+	≠/-	=	≠/-	≠/-	+
		1999	=	=	+	≠/-	=	≠/-	≠/-	+
		2000	=	=	+	≠/-	+	-	≠/-	+
		2001	=	=	+	≠/-	+	-	≠/-	+
120. Sri Lanka	1986	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
121. Suriname	1993	1997-2001
122. Swaziland	1991	1997-2001
123. Sweden	1976	1997	=	+	+	=	=	=	=	=
		1998	=	+	+	=	=	=	=	=
		1999	=	+	+	=	=	=	=	=
		2000	=	+	+	=	=	=	=	=
		2001	+	+	+	=	=	=	=	=

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STATES PARTIES With year of ratification, accession or succession	MEASURES								
	YEAR	A1	A2	B	C	D	E	F	G
124. Switzerland 1976	1997	=	=	+	=	-	=	-	=
	1998	=	+	+	=	-	=	-	=
	1999	=	+	+	=	-	=	-	=
	2000	=	+	+	=	-	=	-	=
	2001	+	+	+	=	+	+	+	+
125. Thailand 1975	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
126. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 1996	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
127. Togo 1976	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
128. Tonga 1976	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
129. Tunisia 1973	1997-1999	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2000 ^c	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
130. Turkey 1974	1997	=	-	-	-	-	-	-	=
	1998	=	-	-	-	-	-	-	=
	1999	=	-	-	-	-	-	-	=
	2000	=	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
	2001	=	-	-	-	-	-	-	=
131. Turkmenistan 1996	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
132. Uganda 1992	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
133. Ukraine 1975	1997	=	-	+	+	+	+	-	=
	1998	+	=	+	=	=	+	=	+
	1999	+	=/-	+	+	+	+	=/-	+
	2000
	2001	+	=/-	+	+	+	+	=/-	=

^c A statement stressing "nothing to declare" was submitted.

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STATES PARTIES With year of ratification, accession or succession	MEASURES								
	YEAR	A1	A2	B	C	D	E	F	G
134. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland 1975	1997	+	+	+	=	-	=	=	+
	1998	+	+	+	=	-	=	=	+
	1999	+	+	+	=	-	=	=	+
	2000	+	+	=	=	-	=	=	+
	2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
135. United States of America 1975	1997	+	+	+	+	=	=	+	+
	1998	+	+	+	+	=	=	=	+
	1999	+	+	+	+	=	=	=	+
	2000	+	+	+	+	=	=	=	+
	2001	+	+	+	+	=	=	=	+
136. Uruguay 1981	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
137. Uzbekistan 1996	1997-1998 ^f	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1999	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2001	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
138. Vanuatu 1990	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
139. Venezuela 1978	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
140. Viet Nam 1980	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
141. Yemen 1979	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
142. Yugoslavia 1973	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
143. Zimbabwe 1990	1997-2001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Note:

Mali, as a Signatory State, submitted information in 1998. (DDA/BWC/1998/CBM)

^f A statement on compliance with the BWC was submitted.