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DECISION

SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION REGARDING NATIONAL PROGRAMMES RELATED TO PROTECTIVE PURPOSES, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE X, PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE CONVENTION

The Conference of the States Parties,

Noting that paragraph 4 of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) requires each State Party, for the purposes of increasing the transparency of national programmes related to protective purposes, to provide annually to the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) information on its programme, in accordance with procedures to be considered and approved by the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”) pursuant to paragraph 21 (i) of Article VIII of the Convention;

Recalling that the First Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the First Review Conference”) reaffirmed the continuing relevance and importance of the provisions of Article X of the Convention, and of the activities of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (hereinafter “the Organisation”) in relation to assistance and protection against chemical weapons; and that these provisions and activities have gained additional relevance in today’s security context (paragraph 7.92 of RC-1/5, dated 9 May 2003);

Recalling also that the First Review Conference declared that implementation of the requirement to submit information annually pursuant to paragraph 4 of Article X of the Convention would benefit from an early agreement on the procedures for such submissions, and further requested the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) to expeditiously develop and submit for adoption the procedures called for by the Convention (paragraph 7.94 of RC-1/5);

Noting that, pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article X of the Convention, nothing in the Convention shall be interpreted as impeding the right of any State Party to conduct research into, develop, produce, acquire, transfer or use means of protection against chemical weapons, for purposes not prohibited under the Convention;



Recognising that the Organisation should continue to strengthen its efforts to ensure the full implementation of Article X's provisions for assistance and protection against chemical weapons;

Stressing that all measures undertaken by States Parties to implement Article X of the Convention should assist in strengthening the ability of the Organisation better to co-ordinate and deliver to States Parties assistance and protection against chemical weapons; and

Having considered the recommendation of the Council regarding the submission of information regarding national programmes related to protective purposes, pursuant to Article X, paragraph 4 of the Convention (EC-M-24/DEC.6, dated 24 November 2004);

Hereby:

1. **Adopts** the attached format for States Parties to provide annually to the Secretariat information on national programmes for protective purposes, on the understanding that:
 - (a) each State Party uses the attached format to provide the information relating to such activities for the previous calendar year, no later than 120 days after the end of that year;
 - (b) the Secretariat makes available to States Parties, upon request, information provided by other States Parties; and any confidential information submitted is treated in accordance with the Confidentiality Annex of the Convention (Section A, paragraph 2); and
2. **Agrees** that this decision is without prejudice to the right of States Parties to protect sensitive information related to national programmes for protective purposes, and the right of States Parties to designate as confidential any sensitive information which they choose to provide to the Organisation in order to satisfy this reporting requirement.

Annex: Format for the Annual Reporting of Information on National Programmes for Protection against Chemical Weapons, under Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Annex**FORMAT FOR THE ANNUAL REPORTING OF INFORMATION ON NATIONAL PROGRAMMES FOR PROTECTION AGAINST CHEMICAL WEAPONS, UNDER ARTICLE X OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION**

Name of State Party providing the information:

1.

Reporting period:

2. This report covers the calendar year:

INFORMATION ON THE EXISTENCE OF A NATIONAL PROGRAMME(S) RELATED TO PROTECTION AGAINST CHEMICAL WEAPONS

3. Does the State Party have a national programme(s) for the implementation of protective measures against CW? YES ☐ NO ☐

If Yes, do these cover:

(a) protection of military personnel against attack from CW? YES ☐ NO ☐

(b) protection of the civilian population against attack from CW? YES ☐ NO ☐

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF A NATIONAL PROGRAMME(S) RELATED TO PROTECTIVE PURPOSES

4. Summarise (in general terms) the national programme(s), and/or regional and local differences (as appropriate to and within the territory of the State Party), for the implementation of protective measures against CW attack against the State Party's armed forces or civilian population (continue on a separate sheet if necessary):

5. List the main national government and/or regional and local bodies (as appropriate to the circumstances of the State Party) that have primary responsibility within the State Party for:
- (a) protection of armed forces:
 - (b) protection of specialist personnel such as police, fire fighters, ambulance and medical personnel, or government officials:
 - (c) protection of the general public:
6. If protective equipment is provided for armed forces or civilians, is it:
- (a) developed from government-sponsored research and development? YES ☐ NO ☐
 - (b) acquired commercially? YES ☐ NO ☐
 - (c) acquired from the governments of other States Parties? YES ☐ NO ☐
7. Has the State Party's government made an offer of assistance through the OPCW under Article X, paragraph 7 of the CWC? YES ☐ NO ☐

INFORMATION ON THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES RELATED TO PROTECTIVE PURPOSES

8. Does the government of the State Party undertake research and development related to protection against CW, in the following fields:
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| Respiratory protection | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Protective clothing | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Collective protection | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Decontamination technologies for area, personnel and materials | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Detection/identification of CW agents | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Laboratory analysis for CW agents | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Medical countermeasures | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hazard modelling | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |

INFORMATION ON THE EXISTENCE OF UNITS, ONE OF WHOSE PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS MAY BE PROTECTION AGAINST CHEMICAL WEAPONS

9. Are there any military units one of whose principal functions is protection against CW? YES ☐ NO ☐
10. If Yes, briefly state their main tasks (such as collective protection, decontamination, detection, and/or medical countermeasures). Continue on a separate sheet if necessary:

INFORMATION ON THE TRAINING PROGRAMME RELATED TO PROTECTIVE PURPOSES

11. Does the State Party conduct operational training for its armed forces using real CW agent or simulants? YES ☐ NO ☐
12. Does the State Party train its military personnel in the following fields:
- (a) use of personal protection equipment? YES ☐ NO ☐
 - (b) decontamination? YES ☐ NO ☐
 - (c) detection? YES ☐ NO ☐
 - (d) medical aspects of protection? YES ☐ NO ☐
13. Has the State Party's government provided, in the last year, training of foreign military or civilian personnel on protection from a possible CW attack? YES ☐ NO ☐

INFORMATION ON PROTECTION OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION

14. Does the programme for protection against CW provide for support to the civilian population in case of use or threat of use of CW? YES ☐ NO ☐
15. If Yes, indicate which of the following will provide the support:
- (a) Fire service? YES ☐ NO ☐
 - (b) Emergency medical personnel? YES ☐ NO ☐
 - (c) Police? YES ☐ NO ☐

- (d) Military units? YES ☐ NO ☐
- (e) Other contracted entities (e.g. private companies)? YES ☐ NO ☐
16. If the answer to Question 14 is No, is there an objective for specialist personnel to provide such support in the future? YES ☐ NO ☐
17. Are training exercises carried out which involve practising the response to CW attacks against the civilian population? YES ☐ NO ☐
18. Is the general public provided with training to protect themselves against the effects of CW attack (excluding those involved in regular military training as part of compulsory national service)? YES ☐ NO ☐
19. Is educational information available to the general public regarding protection against CW attack (e.g. leaflets, internet sites etc)? YES ☐ NO ☐

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

20. Provide references (if available) to select, publicly available, scientific papers published in the reporting year related to national CW protective programmes: