

**Seventh 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**

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**Proposals made to the Committee of the Whole
(as at 13.00, 16 December 2011)**

Submitted by the Chair of the Committee of the Whole

II. Textual proposals

Article V

**Cuba (on behalf of the Group of the Non-Aligned Movement and other States Parties
to the BWC)**

The States Parties stress that CBMs are not a tool to assess compliance, which requires a multilaterally agreed legally binding instrument with verification provisions.

Article X

Australia

The Conference urges States Parties to continue to develop frameworks for disease surveillance in humans, animals and plants, and to support programmes for effective responses at the national, bilateral, regional and multilateral levels, including through the conclusion of appropriate agreements that would promote the regular exchange of scientific and technical information in these fields

Nigeria

In order to build capacity in developing countries, and to provide educational and training opportunities for national officials involved in the implementation of the Convention in their countries, as well as supporting the intercessional programme and increasing the capacity of the ISY, the conference decides to establish an annual fellowship programme. The fellowship programme, which will be operated to the standard fellowship procedures of the United Nations will provide financial support to allow a national official to spend up to 12 months working with the ISU in Geneva. Applications will be invited from all States Parties, and the annual fellow will be selected by the Chairman of the Meeting of States

Parties in consultation with the ISU, with priority being given to applications from developing countries.

Article XII

Russian Federation

The Conference decides that the Eighth Review Conference shall be held in Geneva not later than 2016 and should review the operation of the Convention, taking into account. Inter alia:... progress in implementation of the decisions and recommendations agreed upon at the Seventh Review Conference and at all preceding Conferences, as appropriate.

Article XIV

United Kingdom

The Conference urges those States Parties in a position to do so to provide assistance and support to states in the preparations for ratification or accession to the Convention.
