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Item 10 of the agenda

**Review of the operation of the Convention
as provided for in its Article XII**

PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON ARTICLE I OF THE CONVENTION

Submitted by the States Parties of the Non Aligned Movement
and other States

1. The Heads of States or Governments of the Non Aligned Movement reaffirmed during the XIV NAM Summit, held in Havana, Cuba, on September 2006 that:

“the possibility of any use of bacteriological (biological) agents and toxins as weapons should be completely excluded, and the conviction that such use would be repugnant to the conscience of humankind.”
2. In this regard, the Group considers that the Final Declaration of this Conference should include the following elements:
 - (i) Strongly support the provisions of Article I of the Convention.
 - (ii) Strongly reaffirm that the use by the States Parties, in any way and under any circumstances, of microbial or other biological agents or toxins, that is not consistent with prophylactic, protective or other peaceful purposes, is effectively a violation of Article I of the Convention.
 - (iii) Reaffirm that the Convention unequivocally covers all microbial or other biological agents or toxins, naturally or artificially created or altered, as well as their components, whatever their origin or method of production, of types and in quantities that have no justification for prophylactic, protective or other peaceful purposes.
 - (iv) Reaffirm other understandings under this Article, reflected in the Final Declarations of earlier Review Conferences.
 - (v) Reaffirm the undertaking given by the States Parties in previous review conferences that all developments and advances in science and technology relevant to the Convention apply to Article I.