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(Issues related to Article III, including effective measures of export control, in full conformity with all Articles of the Convention, including Article X)

The Convention has established a delicate balance between rights and obligations and no provision of the Convention is intended to hinder the legitimate transfer and exchange of equipment, materials and scientific and technological information for peaceful purposes among State Parties.

National implementation measures including implementation of Article III should be in compliance with the provisions of the Convention including obligations under Article X to facilitate the fullest possible exchange for peaceful purposes.

States Parties to the Convention should not use the provisions of Articles III and IV of the Convention to impose restrictions or limitations on the transfer or exchange of scientific knowledge, technology, equipment and materials.

Instead of pursuing denial strategies and approaches such as exclusive export control regimes, member States of the BWC need to establish a mechanism that reassures and increases transparency on trade activities relevant to the Convention which includes an appropriate reporting procedure with regard to end-use and assurance that the end use will be consistent with the report.