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PROTOCOL ON BLINDING LASER WEAPONS (AUSTRIAN DRAFT)
PROTOCOL IV

ARTICLE 1, SCOPE:

- 1.) THIS PROTOCOL RELATES TO THE USE (PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER) OF BLINDING LASER WEAPONS DEFINED HEREIN.
- 2.) THIS PROTOCOL SHALL APPLY IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING ARMED CONFLICT AND TIMES OF PEACE.
- 3.) NOTHING IN THIS PROTOCOL SHALL BE INVOKED AS AFFECTING THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER.

ARTICLE 2, DEFINITIONS

FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROTOCOL:

- 1.) "LASER WEAPONS" MEANS WEAPONS WHICH USE A LASER BEAM AS THE (SOLE) (PRIMARY) MEANS TO CAUSE INJURY, DEATH OR DESTRUCTION.
SYSTEMS WHICH USE LASER BEAMS IN ORDER TO AID THE USE OR TARGETING OF ANOTHER WEAPON ARE NOT "LASER WEAPONS".
- 2.) "BLINDING LASER WEAPONS" MEANS LASER WEAPONS PRIMARILY DESIGNED TO CAUSE PERMANENT BLINDNESS.
- 3.) "PERMANENT BLINDNESS" MEANS "BLINDNESS AND LOW VISION" AS DEFINED IN THE INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES AND RELATED HEALTH PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION.