

ARTICLE XI

ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT

1. The provisions of this Convention shall be implemented in a manner which avoids, as far as possible, hampering the economic or technological development of States Parties to the Convention and international cooperation in the field of chemical activities for purposes not prohibited under the Convention including the international exchange of scientific and technical information and chemicals and equipment for the production, processing or use of chemicals for purposes not prohibited under the Convention. Accordingly, States Parties shall:

(a) Have the right, pursuant to subparagraph 1 (a) of Article VI, individually or collectively, to conduct research with, to develop, produce, acquire, retain, transfer, and use chemicals, including toxic chemicals and their precursors and, in exercising that right, shall take all necessary measures to ensure that they abide by the obligations set out in Article II.1 (c);

(b) Undertake to facilitate, and have the right to participate in, the fullest possible exchange of chemicals, equipment and scientific and technical information relating to the development and application of chemistry;

(c) Not apply among themselves any restrictions designed to impede development and promotion of scientific and technological knowledge in the field of chemistry; and

(d) Undertake to ensure that national restrictions in the field of chemistry are rendered consistent with the objectives and purposes of this Convention.

2. The provisions of this Article shall be without prejudice to the generally recognized principles and applicable rules of international law.