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Article X: Assistance and Protection against Chemical Weapons

1. For the purposes of this article, assistance means the co-ordination and delivery to States parties of protection against chemical weapons, that covers, inter alia, the following areas: detection equipment and alarm systems, protective equipment, decontamination equipment and decontaminants, medical antidotes and treatments and advice on any of these protective measures.

2. Nothing in this Convention shall be interpreted as impeding the right of any State party to it to conduct research into, develop, produce, acquire, transfer or use means of protection against chemical weapons, for purposes not prohibited by the Convention.

3. All States parties to the Convention undertake to facilitate, and shall have the right to participate in, the fullest possible exchange of equipment, material and scientific and technological information concerning means of protection against chemical weapons.

4. The Technical Secretariat shall establish and maintain, for the use of any requesting State party, a data bank containing freely available information concerning various means of protection against chemical weapons as well as such information as may be provided by States parties.

The Technical Secretariat shall also, within the resources available to it, and at the request of a State party, provide expert advice and assist it in identifying how its programmes for the development and improvement of a protective capacity against chemical weapons could be implemented.