

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Article VI of the "Rolling Text" (CD/961) is concerned with Activities not Prohibited by the Convention, and a number of Annexes and Schedules describe toxic chemicals and the methods for determination of toxicity; the annex on toxicity determinations also suggests that the draft proposal for toxicity determinations might need to be modified or supplemented.

This report reviews various aspects of toxicity determinations, as set out in the "Rolling Text" and also methods generally used in industry and academia. After careful consideration of all aspects, it is concluded that it is advisable to initiate a very careful review of the existing annex on toxicity determinations.

A number of specific points are recommended as topics for review, in particular:

- establishment of categories of toxicity;
- selection of route of exposure, etc.;
- impact on industry, the public-at-large, and the animal welfare movement;
- critical evaluation of methods of determination of toxicity.