

CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) AND TOXIN WEAPONS AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION

The States Parties to this Convention,

Determined to act with a view to achieving effective progress towards general and complete disarmament, including the prohibition and elimination of all types of weapons of mass destruction, and convinced that the prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons and their elimination, through effective measures, will facilitate the achievement of general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control.

Recognizing the important significance of the Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare, signed at Geneva on June 17, 1925, and conscious also of the contribution which the said Protocol has already made, and continues to make, to mitigating the horrors of war,

Reaffirming their adherence to the principles and objectives of that Protocol and calling upon all States to comply strictly with them.

Recalling that the General Assembly of the United Nations has repeatedly condemned all actions contrary to the principles and objectives of the Geneva Protocol of June 17, 1925.

Desiring to contribute to the strengthening of confidence between peoples and the general improvement of the international atmosphere.

Desiring also to contribute to the realization of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

Convinced of the importance and urgency of eliminating from the arsenals of States, through effective measures, such dangerous weapons of mass destruction as those using chemical or bacteriological (biological) agents.

Recognizing that an agreement on the prohibition of bacteriological (biological) and toxin weapons represents a first possible step towards the achievement of agreement on effective measures also for the prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of chemical weapons, and determined to continue negotiations to that end.

Determined, for the sake of all mankind, to exclude completely the possibility of bacteriological (biological) agents and toxins being used as weapons.

Convinced that such use would be repugnant to the conscience of mankind and that no effort should be spared to minimize this risk.

Have agreed as follows :

Article I

Each State Party to this Convention undertakes never in any circumstances to develop, produce, stockpile or otherwise acquire or retain :

(1) Microbial or other biological agents, or toxins whatever their origin or method of production, of types and in quantities that have no justification for prophylactic, protective or other peaceful purposes;

(2) Weapons, equipment or means of delivery designed to use such agents or toxins for hostile purposes or in armed conflict.

Article II

Each State Party to this Convention undertakes to destroy, or to divert to peaceful purposes, as soon as possible but not later than nine months after the entry into force of the Convention, all agents, toxins, weapons, equipment and means of delivery specified in article I of the Convention, which are in its possession or under its jurisdiction or control. In implementing the provisions of this article all necessary safety precautions shall be observed to protect populations and the environment.

Article III

Each State Party to this Convention undertakes not to transfer to any recipient whatsoever, directly or indirectly, and not in any way to assist, encourage, or induce any State, group of States or international organizations to manufacture or otherwise acquire any of the agents, toxins, weapons, equipment or means of delivery specified in article I of the Convention.

Article IV

Each State Party to this Convention shall, in accordance with its constitutional processes, take any necessary measures to prohibit and prevent the development, production, stockpiling, acquisition or retention of the agents, toxins, weapons, equipment and means of delivery specified in article I of the Convention, within the territory of such State, under its jurisdiction or under its control anywhere.

Article V

The States Parties to this Convention undertake to consult one another and to cooperate in solving any problems which may arise in relation to the objectivity of, or in the application of the provisions of, the Convention. Consultation and cooperation pursuant to this article may also be undertaken through appropriate international procedures within the framework of the United Nations and in accordance with its Charter.

Article VI

(1) Any State Party to this Convention which finds that any other State Party is acting in breach of obligations deriving from the provisions of the Convention may lodge a complaint with the Security Council of the United Nations. Such a complaint should include all possible evidence confirming its validity, as well as a request for its consideration by the Security Council.

(2) Each State Party to this Convention undertakes to cooperate in carrying out any investigation which the Security Council may initiate in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, on the basis of the complaint received by the Council. The Security Council shall inform the States Parties to the Convention of the results of the investigation.

Article VII

Each State Party to this Convention undertakes to provide or support assistance, in accordance with the United Nations Charter, to any Party to the Convention which so requests, if the Security Council decides that such Party has been exposed to danger as a result of violation of the Convention.

Article VIII

Nothing in this Convention shall be interpreted as in any way limiting or detracting from the obligations assumed by any State under the Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous

or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare, signed at Geneva on June 17, 1925.

Article IX

Each State Party to this Convention affirms the recognised objective of effective prohibition of chemical weapons and, to this end, undertakes to continue negotiations in good faith with a view to reaching early agreement on effective measures for the prohibition of their development, production and stockpiling and for their destruction, and on appropriate measures concerning equipment and means of delivery specifically designed for the production or use of chemical agents for weapons purposes.

Article X

(1) The States Parties to this Convention undertake to facilitate, and have the right to participate in, the fullest possible exchange of equipment, materials and scientific and technological information for the use of bacteriological (biological) agents and toxins for peaceful purposes. Parties to the Convention in a position to do so shall also cooperate in contributing individually or together with other States or international organizations to the further development and application of scientific discoveries in the field of bacteriology (biology) for the prevention of disease, or for other peaceful purposes.

(2) This Convention shall be implemented in a manner designed to avoid hampering the economic or technological development of States Parties to the Convention or international cooperation in the field of peaceful bacteriological (biological) activities, including the international exchange of bacteriological (biological) agents and toxins and equipment for the processing, use or production of bacteriological (biological) agents and toxins for peaceful purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Convention.

Article XI

Any State Party may propose amendments to this Convention. Amendments shall enter into force for each State Party accepting the amendments upon their acceptance by a majority of the States Parties to the Convention and thereafter for each remaining State Party on the date of acceptance by it.

Article XII

Five years after the entry into force of this Convention, or earlier if it is requested by a majority of Parties to the Convention by submitting a proposal to this effect to the Depositary Governments, a conference of States to the Convention shall be held at Geneva, Switzerland, to review the operation of the Convention, with a view to assuring that the purposes of the preamble and the provisions of the Convention, including the provisions concerning negotiations on chemical weapons, are being realised. Such review shall take into account any new scientific and technological developments relevant to the Convention.

Article XIII

(1) This Convention shall be of unlimited duration.

(2) Each State Party to this Convention shall in exercising its national sovereignty have the right to withdraw from the Convention if it decides that extraordinary events, related to the subject matter of the Convention, have jeopardised the supreme interests of its country. It shall give notice of such withdrawal to all other States Parties to the Convention and to the United Nations Security Council three months in advance. Such notice shall include a statement of the extraordinary events it regards as having jeopardized its supreme interests.

Article XIV

(1) This Convention shall be open to all States for signature. Any State which does not sign the Convention before its entry into force in accordance with paragraph (3) of this Article may accede to it at any time.

(2) This Convention shall be subject to ratification by signatory States. Instruments of ratification and instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and the United States of America, which are hereby designated the Depositary Governments.

(3) This Convention shall enter into force after the deposit of instruments of ratification by twenty-two Governments, including the Governments designated as Depositaries of the Convention.

(4) For States whose instruments of ratification or accession are deposited subsequent to the entry into force of this Convention, it shall enter into force on the date of the deposit of their instruments of ratification or accession.

(5) The Depositary Governments shall promptly inform all signatory and acceding States of the date of each signature, the date of deposit of each instrument of ratification or of accession and the date of the entry into force of this Convention, and of the receipt of other notices.

(6) This Convention shall be registered by the Depositary Governments pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Article XV

This Convention, the English, Russian, French, Spanish and Chinese texts of which are equally authentic shall be deposited in the archives of the Depositary Governments. Duly certified copies of the Convention shall be transmitted by the Depositary Governments to the Governments of the signatory and acceding States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorized, have signed this Convention.

DONE in triplicate, at the cities of Washington, London and Moscow, this tenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two.

ΣΥΜΒΑΣΙΣ

Περὶ ἀπαγορεύσεως τῆς ἀναπτύξεως, παραγωγῆς καὶ ἀποθήκευσεως βακτηριολογικῶν (βιολογικῶν) καὶ τοξινικῶν ὅπλων καὶ περὶ καταστροφῆς αὐτῶν.

Τὰ Κράτη—Συμβαλλόμενα Μέρη, τῆς παρούσης Συμβάσεως, διαπνεόμενα ἀπὸ τὴν ἀπόφασιν ὅπως ἐνεργήσουν διὰ τὴν πραγμάτωσιν ἀποτελεσματικῆς προόδου πρὸς τὴν κατεύθυνσιν ἑνὸς γενικοῦ καὶ πλήρους ἀφοπλισμοῦ, συμπεριλαμβανομένης καὶ τῆς ἀπαγορεύσεως καὶ ἔξαλεψίσεως τῶν παγτὸς τύπου ὅπλων μαζικῆς καταστροφῆς καὶ πεπεισμένα ὅτι ἡ ἀπαγόρευσις τῆς ἀναπτύξεως, παραγωγῆς καὶ ἀποθήκευσεως χρηματικῶν καὶ ἐκπτωτικογικῶν (βιολογικῶν) ὅπλων καὶ ἡ ἔξαλεψίς αὐτῶν δι' ἀποτελεσματικῶν μέτρων διὰ διευκολύνη τὴν ἐπίτευξιν γενικοῦ καὶ πλήρους ἀφοπλισμοῦ ὑπὸ αὐστηρὸν καὶ ἀποτελεσματικὸν ἐλέγχον.

‘Αναγνωρίζοντα τὴν σοφίαν τηματίαν τοῦ ἐν Γευνεύῃ κατὰ τὴν 17ην Ιουνίου 1925 ὑπογραφέντος Πρωτοκόλλου διὰ τὴν ἀπαγόρευσιν τῆς γρήσεως ἐν πολέμῳ ἀσφυξιογόνων, δηλητηριώδῶν ἢ ἄλλων ἀερίων καὶ βακτηριολογικῶν μεθόδων πολέμου καὶ ἐν ἐπιγνώσει ἔτι τῆς κατὰ τὸ παρελθόν ἀλλὰ καὶ κατὰ τὸ παρὸν συνεχιζομένης τοῦ Πρωτοκόλλου τούτου εἰς τὸν μετριασμὸν τῶν φρικαλεστήτων τοῦ πολέμου.

άναπληρωτῶν αὐτῶν. Τὰ εἰσπραττόμενα χρηματικά ποσά κατατίθενται εἰς τινα τῶν ἐν Έλλάδι Τραπέζων διὸ λογαριασμὸν τοῦ 'Ιδρυματος, ἐντὸς τῆς ἡμέρας ἡ τὴν ἐπόμενην τῆς εἰσπράξεως αὐτῶν, κρατοῦσα εἰς χεῖρας της ποσὸν καθοριζόμενον ὑπὸ τοῦ Διοικητικοῦ Συμβουλίου, μὴ δυνάμενον νὰ ὑπερβαίνῃ τὰς 10.000 δρχ.

Προθιάνει εἰς τὰς πληρωμὰς τῶν δαπανῶν ἐπὶ τῇ βάσει ἑνταλμάτων πληρωμῶν ὑπογεγραμμένων ὑπὸ τῆς Προέδρου, τῆς Γενικῆς Γραμματέως καὶ τῆς Ταμίου.

2. Πᾶσα πρᾶξις εἰσπράξεως ἐκ τῆς Τραπέζης ἀπαιτεῖται νὰ πρασυπογράφεται ὑπὸ τῆς Προέδρου καὶ τῆς Ταμίου ἡ τῶν νομίμων ἀναπληρωτῶν των. 'Ο λογαριασμὸς εἰς δραχμὰς τῆς Τραπέζης, ὡς πρὸς τὰς ἀναλήψεις, κινεῖται δι’ ἔπιταγῶν ὑπογεγραμμένων ὑπὸ τῆς Προέδρου καὶ τῆς Ταμίου, αἱ ἀναλήψεις δόμως ἐκ τοῦ λογαριασμοῦ εἰς δολλάρια γίνονται δι’ ἐγγράφου αἵτησεως δραχμοποιήσεως καὶ κατόπιν ἀποφάσεως τοῦ Διοικητικοῦ Συμβουλίου.

3. Τηρεῖ τὸ ἀπαιτούμενα βιβλία περὶ τῆς διαχειρίσεως τῆς περιουσίας τοῦ ἰδρύματος, τὰ ὅποια κατὰ τὸ τέλος ἕκαστου μηνὸς θέτει ὑπ’ ὅψιν τοῦ Διοικητικοῦ Συμβουλίου πρὸς ἔλεγχον δίδουσα σχετικὴν ἀναφοράν, ὑποχρεουμένη ἀμαρτίας ἐπιδεικνύη ταῦτα πρὸς ἔλεγχον εἰς οἰονδήποτε μέλος τοῦ Διοικητικοῦ Συμβουλίου τοῦ Πηγελοπείου 'Ιδρυματος ὑπὸ τὴν προϋπόθεσιν ὅτι θέλει εἰδοποιηθῆ παρὰ τοῦ ἐνδιαφερούμενου πρὸ πέντε (5) τούλαχιστον ἡμερῶν. 'Επίσης ὑποχρεοῦται ὅπως δίδῃ ἀναφορὰν εἰς τὴν μηνιαίαν συνέλευσιν τῶν μελῶν τῶν «ΚΑΡΥΑΤΙΔΩΝ». Μέρος τῆς ἄρμοδιότητος τοῦ Ταμίου δύναται δι’ ἀποφάσεως τοῦ Διοικητικοῦ Συμβουλίου ν’ ἀνατεθῇ εἰς ἄλλα πρόσωπα ἡ δργανα τοῦ 'Ιδρυματος. Τὴν Ταμίαν ἀποῦσαν ἡ καλυπομένη ἀναπληροῦ ἔτερον μέλος τοῦ Διοικητικοῦ Συμβουλίου, κατόπιν ἀποφάσεως αὐτοῦ, ἐκ τῶν μελῶν τῶν «ΚΑΡΥΑΤΙΔΩΝ».

"Αρθρον 13.

'Επίτιμα μέλη.

Τὸ Διοικητικὸν Συμβούλιον δύναται νὰ ὀνομάσῃ ἐπιτίμους Προέδρους καὶ ἐπίτιμα μέλη τοῦ Πηγελοπείου 'Ιδρυματος πρόσωπα τὰ ὅποια διὰ τοῦ ἀξιώματός των, τῶν τίτλων των καὶ τῶν πρὸς τὸ 'Ιδρυμα ὑπηρεσιῶν των, δύνανται νὰ προαγάγωσι τοὺς σκοπούς τοῦ 'Ιδρυματος ἡ προσέφερουν ἀξιολόγους ὑπηρεσίας πρὸς αὐτό.

"Αρθρον 14.

Πόροι.

Πόροι τοῦ ἰδρύματος εἰναι : α) αἱ χορηγίαι καὶ εἰσφοραὶ τῶν ἴδρυτικῶν σωματείων, β) αἱ ἐπιχορηγήσεις τοῦ Κράτους, Δήμων, IKA καὶ λοιπῶν Ἀσφαλιστικῶν 'Οργανισμῶν, ὡς καὶ ἄλλων σωματείων καὶ ἴδρυμάτων ἡμεδαπῶν καὶ ἀλλοδαπῶν, γ) πᾶσα δωρεά, κληρονομία, κληροδοσία πρὸς τὸ ἴδρυμα, δ) εἰσδράξεις ἐκ τροφείων, τὸ ποσὸν τῶν ὅποιων καθορίζεται ἐκάστοτε δι’ ἀποφάσεως τοῦ Διοικητικοῦ Συμβουλίου, ὑποκειμένης εἰς τὴν ἔγκρισιν τοῦ ἀρμοδίου ὡς ἐκ τοῦ σκοποῦ 'Υπουργείου, ἐξ οἰονεὶς υἱόθεσιῶν, ἁρπάζων, συνδρομῶν λαχείων κ.λπ.

"Αρθρον 15.

Μεγάλοι Εὔεργέται, Εὔεργέται, Δωρηταί, Συνδρομηταί.

1. Μεγάλοι εὐεργέται ὀνομάζονται οἱ προσφέροντες εἰς τὸ ἴδρυμα ἥνω τῶν τριακοσίων χιλιάδων (300.000) δραχμῶν.

Εὔεργέται ὀνομάζονται οἱ προσφέροντες εἰς τὸ ἴδρυμα ἀπὸ ἑκατὸν χιλιάδας μίαν (100.001) δραχ. ἐως τριακοσίας χιλιάδας (300.000) δραχμάς.

Δωρηταί οἱ προσφέροντες εἰς τὸ ἴδρυμα ἀπὸ εἴκοσι χιλιάδας (20.000) δραχ. ἐως ἑκατὸν χιλιάδας (100.000) δραχμάς.

Συνδρομηταί δὲ οἱ προσφέροντες οἰονδήποτε μικρότερον ποσὸν ὑπὲρ τοῦ ἰδρύματος. Τὸ ἀνωτέρω ποσὰ δύνανται νὰ μεταβάλλωνται δι’ ἀποφάσεως τοῦ Διοικητικοῦ Συμβουλίου.

2. Εἴς τοὺς Μεγάλους Εὔεργέτας, Εὔεργέτας καὶ Δωρητὰς ἐπιδίδεται σχετικὸν ψήφισμα τοῦ Διοικητικοῦ Συμβουλίου τοῦ ἰδρύματος.

"Αρθρον 16.

Οίκονομικὸς ἔλεγχος.

1. 'Η οίκονομικὴ διαχειρίσις τοῦ ἰδρύματος εἶναι ἐνιαυσία, ἔρχεται δὲ ἀπὸ τῆς 1ης Ιανουαρίου καὶ λήγει τὴν 31ην Δεκεμβρίου ἐκάστου ἔτους, δόπτε συντάσσεται ὁ ἐτήσιος ισολογισμὸς καὶ ἀπολογισμός.

2. 'Η οίκονομικὴ διαχειρίσις ἐνεργεῖται ἐπὶ τῇ βάσει προϋπολογισμοῦ ἐσόδων καὶ ἔξόδων, δὲ ἔλεγχος δὲ ταύτης διενεργεῖται μετὰ τὸ τέλος ἐκάστου ἔτους, ὑπὸ τριμελοῦς ἔξελεγκτικῆς ἐπιτροπῆς, ἐκλεγομένης ὑπὸ τοῦ Διοικητικοῦ Συμβουλίου τῶν «ΚΑΡΥΑΤΙΔΩΝ».

3. 'Ο προϋπολογισμός, ισολογισμὸς, καὶ ἀπολογισμὸς ὑποβάλλονται ἐντὸς τῶν νομίμων προθεσμιῶν πρὸς ἔγκρισιν εἰς τὸ 'Υπουργεῖον Οίκονομικῶν, κατὰ τὰς διατάξεις τοῦ A.N. 2039/1939, ὡς οὗτος ἐκάστοτε ίσγένει.

"Αρθρον 17.

Τροποποίησις τοῦ 'Οργανισμοῦ.

'Ο παρὼν 'Οργανισμὸς δύναται νὰ συμπληρωθῇ ἡ τροποποιηθῇ δι’ ἀποφάσεως τῶν Διοικητικῶν Συμβουλίων τοῦ Πηγελοπείου 'Ιδρυματος καὶ τοῦ Σωματείου «ΚΑΡΥΑΤΙΔΕΣ» ἐν διομελείᾳ αὐτῶν παμψήφει καὶ δύμοφῶνως, τηρουμένης τῆς ὑπὸ τῶν διατάξεων τοῦ A.N. 2039/1939 δριζομένης διαδικασίας.

Τὰ ἀπουσιάζοντα μέλη δύνανται νὰ ἐκπροσωπηθοῦν ἐγγράφως δι’ ἔτερου παρόντος μέλους, δόπτε θεωροῦνται παρόντα. 'Η ἀπόφασις τοῦ Διοικητικοῦ Συμβουλίου τῶν «ΚΑΡΥΑΤΙΔΩΝ» δέοντα δύναται νὰ ἐγκριθῇ ἀπὸ τὴν Γενικὴν Συνέλευσιν τακτικὴν ἡ ἔκτακτον, τῶν μελῶν τοῦ Σωματείου «ΚΑΡΥΑΤΙΔΕΣ» κατὰ τὰς διεπούσας τὸ ἐν λόγῳ Σωματείον διατάξεις.

