

DRAFT TEXT FOR SUPPORT OF THE TIANJIN GUIDELINES AND BIOSECURITY EDUCATION

Systematic application of biorisk management is crucial to building a culture of safe, secure and responsible research. As a foundation for biorisk management, we encourage States Parties to endorse the Tianjin Guidelines at the 9th Review Conference and agree that progress in the dissemination of this important measure should also be addressed at meetings during the next intersessional process. We also note that States Parties have stressed the need for improved biosecurity education in order that life scientists are aware of and capable of operating such codes of conduct. Biosecurity education projects have already demonstrated that there is enough knowledge available for biosecurity education on the scale required to support the Tianjin Guidelines to be initiated, but also that there are significant gaps that need to be addressed. We encourage States Parties to ensure that adequate resources are made available for maintaining and developing biosecurity education in support of the Tianjin Guidelines.

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