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MEMORANDUM FOR CWC WORKING GROUP

FROM: Lisa Bronson  
SUBJECT: Impact of CWC on DOD BW Vaccine Program

During yesterday's meeting, the Steering Group agreed that a working group should meet to develop an agreed assessment of the impact of the CWC on DOD's BW vaccine program and to explore options for protecting its botulinum toxoid (BT) production in particular. The Steering Group characterized this issue as more than just a matter of inconvenience or additional costs agreeing that lives were potentially at stake.

In addition to the decision paper and options paper that I have already circulated I have prepared a packet of pertinent documents and treaty text. It will be extremely difficult to discuss this issue without a thorough review of the applicable documents. In addition, given the extreme time constraints I would strongly urge working group members to bring their legal counsel with them so they can be brought up to speed on the substance and assist with the interpretation of treaty text that will be essential for fulfillment of the Steering Group's mandate.

While I am continuing to accept comments on the draft decision paper I believe that we may have moved beyond it for the moment. I would propose that we work through the questions in the attachment and concentrate on providing the Steering Group with an agreed assessment and carefully crafted options.

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