

Article 21
Security Exceptions

1. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed:
 - (a) to require a Party to furnish any information, the disclosure of which it considers contrary to its essential security interests; or
 - (b) to prevent a Party from taking any actions which it considers necessary for the protection of its essential security interests:
 - (i) relating to the traffic in arms, ammunition and implements of war and to such traffic in other goods and materials or relating to the supply of services as carried on, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of supplying or provisioning a military establishment;
 - (ii) taken in time of war or other emergency in domestic or international relations;

- (iii) relating to fissionable and fusionable materials or the materials from which they are derived;
 - (iv) taken to protect critical public infrastructures, including communication, power and water infrastructures, from deliberate attempts intended to disable or degrade such infrastructures; or
- (c) to prevent a Party from taking any action in pursuance of its obligations under the United Nations Charter for the maintenance of international peace and security.

2. The Implementing Committee shall be informed to the fullest extent possible of measures taken under paragraphs 1(b) and (c) and of their termination.