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Weapons that use harmful insects or other living or dead organisms or their toxic products to inflict diseases and pathological changes on human beings and animals. They can also destroy or damage crops. The use, manufacture or stockpiling of bacteriological (biological) weapons is prohibited.

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