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To the committee,

There is a critical flaw with the treaty that should be remedied. There is no obligation to share information regarding critical design flaws with shared technology. This information is to be expressly excluded from being required in the current treaty.

I would suggest an extra article for the treaty. Parties not to withhold information regarding the safe reliable operation of shared technology, either in part or known operational system scenarios of shared technology. Sometimes little bits of information get forgotten like the new 737s being exactly the same except it takes a nosedive if the pilot doesn't flick a switch before takeoff in the new model. IBM's budget blowout on the Queensland Health payroll system. Maybe they gift us some piece of technology that has a slight flaw and it requires the use of some extra doodad that costs an order of magnitude more to remedy. Maybe they forget to give us some mechanical interlock that stops the reactor from blasting the crew with neutrons when two seemingly unrelated buttons are pressed too quickly. It's just business and lessons must be learnt from poor consideration of contract terms in government procurement.

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