

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly

SUBMITTED BY: The First Committee

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1 *Recognizing* that the threat posed by biological weapons is greater than ever before,

2 *Aware* that the threat from biological weapons can come from not only countries, but terrorists
3 and non-state groups,

4 *Deeply Concerned* that forty states are not parties to the Biological Weapons Conventions,

5 *Emphasizing* the dangerous nature of biological weapons and the absolute necessity of regulating
6 them to ensure international peace and security,

7 *Deeply Concerned* that biological weapons can be used on non-human agents, such as crops or
8 livestock, and the dire consequences that would ensue,

9 *Fully Alarmed* by the recent anthrax attacks upon the United States of America and the recent
10 terror attacks around the world,

11 1. *Invites* an annual meeting of states parties to the Biological Weapons Convention beyond
12 2006 focusing on the implementation of Review Conference commitments, encouraging
13 universality and working to preserve the vitality of the BWC;

14 2. *Calls Upon* all nations to have full-fledged participation, thus making the Convention
15 universal;

16 3. *Encourages* controls on the exports of certain biological agents, chemicals,
17 manufacturing facilities and equipment not intended for pharmaceutical use and research
18 that contribute to the creation and use of biological and toxin weapons;

19 4. *Reminds* all parties that without a universal implementation of the Biological Weapons

- 20 Convention, the full impact of regulations will not be felt;
- 21 5. *Emphasizes* that lethal biological weapons must not be developed, produced, stockpiled,
22 or used by anyone under any circumstances;
- 23 6. *Deplores* any states which have undertaken biological weapons research, production,
24 development or stockpiling except with the intent of researching or creating antidotes,
25 vaccines, and other bio-defense measures;
- 26 7. *Requests* the prevention of the transfer of information and knowledge pertaining to the
27 creation of biological or toxin weapons;
- 28 8. *Emphasizes* the importance of Confidence Building Measures (CBM's) to make the use
29 of Biological and Toxin Weapons more transparent;
- 30 9. *Urges* that each state establishes a National Consultive Group which provides a forum for
31 discussion with groups affected by the Biological Weapons Convention Protocol;
- 32 10. *Encourages* the sharing of bio-defense measures and information under Article X;
- 33 11. *Requests* that biological and toxin weapons used on non-human agents be treated the
34 same as those on humans, a deplorable offense;
- 35 12. *Recommends* that states work in conjunction with the World Health Organization to
36 decrease biological and toxin weapons potency.

Final Vote: 67 in favor / 7 opposed / 21 abstentions