



American Model United Nations
General Assembly

GA1/II/5

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Measures to Prevent Terrorists from Acquiring
Weapons of Mass Destruction

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly

SUBMITTED BY: The First Committee

The General Assembly

1 *Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 59/48, 59/80, and 60/78 which undertake
2 measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction,
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4 *Affirming* the United Nations Global Counter Terrorism Strategy and the
5 important measures set out within the Strategy as well as the work of the Counter
6 Terrorism Committee,
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8 *Recognizing* that the most effective method of preventing terrorists from acquiring
9 chemical and biological weapons is destruction of those weapons,
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11 *Noting with appreciation* the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and the
12 Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BWC),
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14 *Affirming* the work done by the Australia Group in the area of voluntary chemical
15 and biological weapon trade regulation,
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17 *Reaffirming* the 1925 Geneva Protocol which prohibits the use of biological and
18 toxic weapons in all situations,
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20 1. *Urges* all Member States who are not yet party to the CWC or the BWC to sign
21 and ratify all articles, and for party States to implement and adhere to these treaties,
22 namely the destruction of all stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons;
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24 2. *Recommends* the establishment a voluntary biological agent data base to ensure
25 that biological agents are properly traced and monitored to prevent these agents from
26 falling into the hands of non-state actors who desire to use these agents for an attack, and
27 this data base will be coordinated under the auspices the Biological Weapons Convention
28 and the United Nations Department of Disarmament Affairs that will:
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30 (a) allow the peaceful use of biological agents for scientific research,
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32 (b) promote transparency concerning the transfer and trade of biological agents,
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34 (c) encourage information sharing regarding abnormal outbreaks of infectious
35 diseases,

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37 (d) assist in the tracking and monitoring of biological agents,

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39 (e) be funded by voluntary donations from Member States, NGO's, regional
40 organizations, and the United Nations,

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42 (f) will be enacted in such a manner as to fully respect the right to national
43 sovereignty;

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45 3. *Recommends* the creation of a similar data base in the area of chemical weapons
46 to chemical agents are properly traced and monitored to prevent these agents from falling
47 into the hands of non state actors who desire to use these agents for an attack;

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49 4. *Encourages* Member States to participate in the work of the Australia Group
50 and adopt the protocols set forth by that body;

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52 5. *Strongly Recommends* the creation of a Convention for the Suppression of Acts
53 of Biological and Chemical Terrorism in a manner similar to the existing Convention for
54 the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism to convene within the year under the
55 auspices of the United Nations;

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57 6. *Urges* Member States to continue supporting nations seeking aid in their efforts
58 to safely and peacefully destroy chemical and biological weapons.

Passed, Yes: 67 / No: 6 / Abstain: 23