



First Committee

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

SUBMITTED TO: The First Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Venezuela, Bolivia, India, Sri Lanka, Mexico, UAE, Cote d'Ivoire

The First Committee

1 *Recalling* the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty was opened for signature
2 on 24 September 1996,

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4 *Recalling* also resolution 60/88, The Risk of Nuclear Proliferation in the Middle
5 East,

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7 *Deeply Concerned* about the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and
8 the additional danger of terrorists and other violent non-state actors acquiring weapons of
9 mass destruction,

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11 *Believing* that the complete elimination of all weapons of mass destruction
12 remains the most effective approach in preventing terrorists from gaining possession of
13 WMD,

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15 *Welcoming* a strengthening of the Biological Weapons Convention through the
16 addition of a functional verification agency,

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18 *Noting* with regret the lack of universal adherence to the CWC, BWC, NPT,
19 CTBT, and the failure to destroy chemical, biological and nuclear weapons stockpiles,

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21 *Advocating* the further establishment of nuclear weapons free zones, in the belief
22 that such policies stand as a positive step in the direction of preventing terrorists from
23 acquiring WMD,

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25 *Concerned* about the vulnerability to theft of WMD housed at facilities with
26 inadequate security,

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28 *Recognizing* that in order for comprehensive policies to be crafted that prevent
29 terrorists from acquiring WMDs, the issue must address the demand and focus on the
30 root causes of terrorism such as social inequalities, underdevelopment and lack of

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31 political participation, that foster the environment where groups would resort to violent
32 terrorist activities must be addressed,

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34 *Affirming* the legitimate sovereign right of all states to make use of chemical,
35 biological, and nuclear technology for peaceful means,

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37 *Observing* that a necessary component to prevent terrorists from acquiring
38 weapons of mass destruction is greater regulation and transparency of corporations that
39 transfer components which may be used in the production of weapons of mass
40 destruction,

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42 1. *Encourages* the unequivocal elimination of all nuclear, biological, and
43 chemical weapons as such policies stands as the most effective means to prevent terrorists
44 from acquiring weapons of mass destruction;

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46 2. *Stresses* the urgency and importance of universal, unconditional
47 ratification and adherence to multilateral agreements that have been negotiated on these
48 topics, including the Biological Weapons Convention, Chemical Weapons Convention,
49 Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, and the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty;

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51 4. *Calls* upon member states to sign and ratify the International Convention for the
52 Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism;

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54 5. *Reminds* states that efforts to curb and eliminate weapons of mass destruction
55 should not encroach on the sovereign right of all states to exploit chemical, biological,
56 and nuclear technologies for peaceful uses;

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58 6. *Urges* the strengthening of security measures to guard against the possibility of
59 theft of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons materials, technology or intelligence by
60 non state actors from production and storage facilities;

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62 7. *Requests* the second committee to consider mobilizing funds and technology to
63 assist states to strengthen such measures as they are crucial to international security and
64 development;

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66 8. *Encourages* states in pursuit of peaceful nuclear technology to work under the
67 auspices of the IAEA, to enhance the transparency of their nuclear endeavors and to
68 improve the effectiveness of safeguards, and report concerns and recommendations to
69 the First Committee;

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71 9. *Welcomes* the expansion of nuclear weapons free zones, and requests that states
72 take immediate action to support and recognize the need for nuclear weapons free zones
73 as an effective means to prevent terrorists from acquiring WMD;

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75 10. *Encourages* states to form regional organizations to supervise the effectiveness
76 of states' policies to combat terrorism and applauds those already formed, such as the

77 Inter-American Convention Against Terrorism;

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79 11. *Affirms* that measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring WMD must also
80 address the underlying causes that compel groups to such desperate violent measures and
81 must therefore reduce poverty and global inequalities.

Passed, Yes: 47 / No: 25 / Abstain: 25