



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

SUBMITTED TO: The First Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Albania, Argentina, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Canada,  
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*The First Committee*

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  
46 weapons to chemical agents are properly traced and monitored to prevent these agents  
47 from falling 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