



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 First Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Indonesia, Mauritania, Madagascar, Cameroon, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Malaysia, New Zealand

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1 *Reaffirming* each Member State's right to national sovereignty as set out in Article
2 2, Section 1 of the United Nations Charter,

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4 *Recalling* the 1925 Geneva Protocol on the Prohibition in the Use in War of
5 Asphyxiating, Poisonous, and other Gases and the Convention on the Prohibition of the
6 Development, Production, and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin
7 Weapons and on Their Destruction (BTWC), and General Assembly Resolution 61/102
8 calling for the strengthening of the BTWC,

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10 *Further Recalling* resolution 44/561, which designates that the Secretary General
11 shall receive and investigate reports of alleged bacteriological (biological) toxin weapons
12 abuse,

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14 *Concerned by* the lack of enforcement and a verification regime in the BTWC,

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16 *Seeking to* achieve a more effective prohibition of the development, production,
17 acquisition, transfer, stockpiling, and use of biological weapons,

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19 *Applauding* the efforts and achievements of the Australian Group (AG), who
20 seeks to ensure that exports do not contribute to the development of biological weapons
21 through the harmonization of export controls and licensing,

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23 *Recognizing* the accomplishments and efforts of the recently established
24 Implemented Support Unit (ISU), which is designed specifically to help build confidence
25 measures, verify compliance and increase transparency mechanisms,

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27 *Deeply Concerned* with the growing threat and capability of non-State actors to

28 acquire and utilize biological toxins and weapons,

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30 *Alarmed by the lack of universality of the BTWC,*

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32 1. *Requests* all States who have not already done so to sign and ratify the BTWC
33 with urgency and expediency;

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35 2. *Recommends* the next Review Conference of the BWC in 2011 discuss and
36 work towards the development of a formal verification regime, particularly an oversight
37 body similar to the Organization on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons to:

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39 (a) Develop and maintain appropriate effective measures, in a form of a
40 League Of Verification and Execution (LOVE), to account for and
41 secure biological and toxic materials as define in Article I, Section 1 of
42 the BTWC;

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43 (b) Encourage the establishment of international standards and practices
44 for cataloging of biological toxins, agents and pathogens that may be
45 acquired and developed by non-State actors;

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46 (c) Verify the destruction of biological weapon stockpiles and facilitate the
47 transformation of bio-weapon manufacturing facilities into civilian
48 medical infrastructure;

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49 (d) Request State parties to enhance the control of transportation
50 methods of biological and toxic materials;

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51 (e) Continue the destruction and disarmament of biological and toxic
52 weapon dispersal methods;

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53 (f) Urge State parties to establish a code of conduct for scientists in the
54 field of biological and toxin weapons research;

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55 3. *Requests* all State parties to harmonize their national legislation with the
56 BTWC and its obligations under that treaty in order to develop more effective regulations
57 to control and monitor transfers of relevant dual-use technologies of biological agents and
58 pathogens;

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60 4. *Encourages* enhanced cooperation with Regional Rapid Response (RRR)
61 teams, fielded by non-governmental organizations, which currently provide medical aid
62 and supplies, such as vaccines, to those affected by biological outbreaks upon request of
63 Member States;

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65 5. *Urges* all State parties to fully realize Article X of the BTWC in order to foster
66 transparency, confidence and promote the peaceful use of biological and toxic materials.

Passed, Yes: 52 / No: 13 / Abstain: 18