



American Model United Nations
General Assembly First Committee

GA First/I/3

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 First Committee

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1 *Recognizing* that biological weapons are defined as biological agents used to cause death or disease on a
2 target population,

3 *Condemning* the use of biological and toxin weapons for the purposes of causing death, disease, or war on a
4 target population,

5 *Deeply concerned* with the ease at which bacteriological weapons can travel across international borders and
6 affect the entire international community,

7 *Keeping in mind* the rapid advances that have transpired in regards to biological research and technology,

8 *Recognizing* with dissatisfaction the continued reluctance of some Member States to dismantle biological
9 weapons programs,

10 *Taking into consideration* the presence of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and the fact that NAM makes
11 up over half of the world population,

12 *Emphasizing* the role that the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) and Implementation Support Unit
13 have played in the prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of bacteriological weapons, and on
14 their destruction,

15 *Deeply concerned* that poorly funded security at research facilities has allowed non-state actors access to
16 biological weapons that have allowed these weapons to be deployed,

17 *Noting further* that this decreases the international community's ability to control biological and toxin
18 weapons,

19 *Reaffirming* our commitment to scientific growth and research,

20 *Fully aware* of the complexity of current reporting procedures,

21 *Noting the importance* of the body of scientific experts created under the Third Review Conference of 1991,

22 1. *Requests* the Secretary General form an ad hoc group of Member States for the purpose of creating
23 a verification protocol for the Biological Weapons Convention to be recommended to the States Parties of the
24 convention;

25 2. *Further Requests* this ad hoc group of Member States work to create a three-tiered verification protocol
26 framework;

27 3. *Recommends* that Tier III specify Member States in self-reported compliance with the Biological Weapons
28 Convention, such that:

29 (a) Each state will self-report the status of their research facilities and capabilities in compliance
30 with the rules set under the Biological Weapons Convention;

31 (b) Each state will self-report their current armament status, as well as their arms building and
32 trading status in compliance with the rules set under the Biological Weapons Convention;

33 (c) States complying with Tier III will be given a 'Partial Compliance' status in the yearly committee
34 update;

35 4. *Further recommends* that Tier II specify Member States demonstrating affirmative actions towards com-
36 pliance but not fully meeting all obligations specified by the Biological Weapons Convention:

37 (a) Urges that members who wish to comply but do not possess the means, receive the necessary
38 aid so that they may pursue compliance;

39 (b) States complying with Tier II will be given a 'Working towards Compliance' status in the yearly
40 committee update;

41 5. *Encourages* that Tier I status specify Member States in full, verified compliance with all articles of the
42 Biological Weapons Convention, such that:

43 (a) Member States complying with random inspections of government research and development
44 sites, with regards to biological weapons, will be given access to the Open Assess—a database of peer-reviewed
45 biological research;

46 (b) Member States that comply will gain increased access to medical and scientific research for
47 benevolent non-weapons related purposes;

48 (c) Member States complying with Tier I will be given an 'In Compliance' status in the yearly
49 committee update;

50 6. *Requests* the First Committee report the tier status of Member States on a yearly basis under the yearly
51 report already in place to update the committee on current developments in science and technology and their potential
52 impact on international security and disarmament:

53 (a) In the First Committee report, the degree to which Member States are working towards com-
54 pliance will be measured with regards to the work of other bodies on this BWC agreement, and this degree of work
55 will be the designator for which tiers are allotted;

56 7. *Recommends* that in order to combat and reduce the presence of non-state actors, the establishment of a
57 universal tracking system, which includes:

58 (a) A software that is synonymous with the existing model of the Strategic Arms Resolution Treaty,
59 to record and compile all potentially hazardous biological and chemical components or potential precursors;

60 (b) This software includes a barcode system that includes an identification number, weight, and all
61 other relevant details on all materials as listed above;

62 8. *Expresses* its appreciation for the already existing training and capacity-building exercises conducted by
63 the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and encourages the continuation of the same
64 to meet and reflect modern standards;

65 9. *Urges* Member States to make peer-reviewed biological research more available to nations in Tier I, full
66 compliance of the Biological Weapons Convention;

67 10. *Additionally Urges* the First Committee to form a non-partisan overview committee of experts to
68 ascertain whether certain knowledge which is in the process of being published could lead to the development of
69 biological weapons;

70 11. *Request* that the First Committee oversee the formation of a sub-committee to create international
71 response protocols in the case of a biological attack:

72 (a) *Recommends* that this sub-committee work to develop a set of policy recommendation for re-
73 porting any attack and response protocol to a biological weapons attack on these states parties to the convention;

74 (b) *Further recommends* that this counsel focus on humanitarian responses to these attacks;

75 (c) *Suggests* that this council create a standard application of assistance command and control
76 protocols and regulations on the handling of laboratory samples.

Passed, Yes: 68 / No: 13 / Abstain: 15