



American Model United Nations
General Assembly First Committee

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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* the implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) on the 26th of March 1975,
2 and the BWC supplements the 1925 Geneva Protocol, which had prohibited the use of biological weapons, ,

3 *Noting* that the Biological Weapons Convention is unenforceable, and it is on each signatory to track and
4 destroy their own biological weapons, ,

5 *Acknowledging* the continued usage of biological weapons as a means to disseminate pathogenic organisms
6 or toxins to harm or kill humans, animals or plants,

7 *Understanding* the legitimate national security concerns of all Member States regarding the development of
8 biotechnology and its dual-use nature,,

9 *Affirming* Member States' commitment to peace and prosperity among to all Member States and their
10 people,

11 1. *Affirms* General Assembly First Committee Resolution 76/67 and its work to create multiple Review
12 conferences on the Biological Weapons Convention;

13 2. *Encourages* that Member States within specified regions, determined by the United Nations, enter into
14 multilateral agreements with one another to add another level of compliance within the Biological Weapons Conven-
15 tion (BWC) framework;

16 3. *Recommends* to the General Assembly to create a body, the Regional Weapons Enactment Committee
17 (RWECE):

18 (a) Adopts regional offices to conduct the following;

19 (i) Monitor domestic and international trade for biomaterials as specified in AG Common Control
20 Lists, as well as the transport of these materials;

21 (ii) Promote trade in biosecurity in order to prevent attacks that involve bacteriological or toxic
22 weapons;

23 (iii) Limit disinformation concerning biological weapons and their means of delivery, further ad-
24 dressed in clause 7;

25 (iv) Promote transparency in private and publicly owned biotechnology labs;

26 (v) Provide means for Member States to request assistance in the face of biological threats;

27 (vi) Facilitates biotechnology sharing among Member States;

28 (vii) Transfer of information, assistance and technology to strengthen the peaceful use of biotech-
29 nology;

30 (viii) Collaborate with United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, providing
31 opportunities for scientists worldwide to educate about safe processes, capabilities, and research of
32 biotechnology development and disarmament of biological weapons;

33 (b) Asks signatories to voluntarily contribute to supporting the regional offices, pooling funds globally
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37 (a) Invites Member States the use of Biotechnology research for agricultural development in regards
38 to sustainable development;

39 (b) Promote the use of Biotechnology for the betterment of Genetic Modification, Pesticides, and
40 Bioremediation;

41 (c) Encourage the Member States to develop biosecurity to protect against biological attempts by
42 international conflict or terrorist groups;

43 5. *Encourages* that the Biological Weapons Convention sets the following as agenda topics in their 10th,
44 11th, and 12th sessions:

45 (a) Promote mutual cooperation between countries towards disarmament of biological weaponry;

46 (b) Encourages the protection and conservation of endangered species in the areas that have been
47 affected by the use of biological weapons;

48 (c) Implores Member States to assist in clean-up efforts by sending personnel and equipment to
49 areas affected by biological weapons;

50 (d) Advocates for the ethical and sustainable disposal of biological weapons responsibly;

51 (e) Recommends programs and measures to medically assist persons affected by the use of biological
52 weapons;

53 6. *Formulates* an incentive to increase security measures in Member States at risk of biological weapon usage
54 and illicit trade at the 10th Biological Weapons Convention and to prevent non-state actors from participating in
55 line with Security Council Resolution 1540;

56 7. *Convenes* a commission to combat misinformation and spread awareness in regard to biological weapons
57 and biological usage to:

58 (a) Appoint two delegates from each regional block to lead the commission;

59 (b) Encourages all delegates to attend the 10th Biological Weapons Convention;

60 (c) Concentrate awareness on all countries regardless if said States signed the Biological Weapons
61 Convention or otherwise;

62 (d) Provide resources for awareness anywhere from five years prior to the present day of convening;

63 8. *Urges*, in the case of the usage of biological weapons by a Member State, the implementation of trade
64 sanctions and auditing upon such a Member State.

Passed, Yes: 49 / No: 17 / Abstain: 10