INTRODUCING DRAFT RESOLUTION L.10., ENTITLED “CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) AND TOXIN WEAPONS AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION”
AGENDA ITEM 106

STATEMENT BY HUNGARY

FIRST COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

New York, 24 October 2013
Mr. Chairman,

Hungary, following the practice of previous years, has the honor to introduce, under agenda item 106, draft resolution L. 10., entitled “Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction”. The draft resolution was submitted for the Committee’s consideration on 10 October 2013. The text of the draft is based on the resolution that was adopted in 2012, and updated to reflect the latest developments. Before tabling the draft resolution, our delegation held informal discussions on the text both in Geneva and in here New York. We tried to accommodate the views expressed at these consultations, in order to reflect the general sentiment of Member States in relation to the implementation of this convention. Let me thank, at this juncture, the cooperation of all delegations, who took part in the consultations.

Mr. Chairman,

This year’s draft retains all elements of the resolution that were adopted by consensus in 2012, and contains only minor changes: an update on the number of state parties in Pp 2, and a reference in Op 4 to the inter-sessional meetings held since the previous resolution was adopted. The change in Op 11 ensures that the agenda item will appear on the agenda of the sixty ninth session.

Mr. Chairman,

Hungary wishes to remain the sole sponsor of the draft resolution on the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and Their Destruction and it is the hope of my delegation that, as in the past, this year again it will be adopted by the Committee without a vote.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.