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Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production
and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin
Weapons and on Their Destruction

Hungary: draft resolution

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and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons
and on Their Destruction

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions relating to the complete and effective
prohibition of bacteriological (biological) and toxin weapons and on their destruction,

Noting with satisfaction that, with the ratification and accession of four
additional States,¹ there are now 179 States parties to the Convention on the
Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological
(Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction,² including all the
permanent members of the Security Council, and stressing at the same time that
there is a continuing need to achieve its universalization,

Reaffirming its call upon all signatory States that have not yet ratified the
Convention to do so without delay, and calling upon those States that have not
signed the Convention to become parties thereto at the earliest possible date, thus
contributing to the achievement of universal adherence to the Convention that will
facilitate its success,

Bearing in mind its call upon all States parties to the Convention to participate
in the implementation of the recommendations of the review conferences of the
parties to the Convention, including the exchange of information and data agreed to
in the Final Declaration of the Third Review Conference of the Parties to the
Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of
Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, later
amended by the Final Declaration of the Seventh Review Conference, and to

¹ Liberia on 4 November 2016 (ratification), Nepal on 4 November 2016 (ratification), Guinea on
9 November 2016 (accession) and Samoa on 21 September 2017 (accession).
provide such information and data in conformity with the standardized procedure to
the Implementation Support Unit within the Office for Disarmament Affairs of the
Secretariat on an annual basis and no later than 15 April,

Welcoming the reaffirmation made in the Final Declarations of the Fourth,
Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Review Conferences that under all circumstances the use
of bacteriological (biological) and toxin weapons and their development, production
and stockpiling are effectively prohibited under article I of the Convention,

Recognizing the importance of ongoing efforts by States parties to enhance
international cooperation, assistance and the fullest possible exchange of equipment,
materials and scientific and technological information for the use of bacteriological
(biological) agents and toxins for peaceful purposes, recognizing also that there still
remain challenges to be overcome in order to enhance international cooperation, and
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Reaffirming the importance of national measures, in accordance with
constitutional processes, in strengthening the implementation of the Convention by
States parties, in line with the Final Document of the Eighth Review Conference,

Reaffirming also the importance of the review of developments in the field of
science and technology related to the Convention,

Recalling previous intersessional processes carried out under the Convention,

Noting that, in the decisions and recommendations of its Final Document, the
Eighth Review Conference decided that States parties would hold annual meetings
and that the first such meeting would start on 4 December 2017, have a duration of
up to five days and seek to make progress on issues of substance and process for the
period before the next Review Conference, with a view to reaching consensus on an
intersessional process,

Recalling the decision of the Eighth Review Conference that the Ninth Review
Conference shall be held in Geneva not later than 2021,

1. Notes the consensus outcome of and the decisions on all provisions of the
Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of
Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction reached
at the Eighth Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention, and calls
upon States parties to the Convention to participate and actively engage in their
continued implementation;

2. Appreciates the information and data on confidence-building measures
provided by States parties to date, and calls upon all States parties to the
Convention to participate in the exchange of information and data on confidence-
building measures called for in the relevant decisions of the review conferences;

3. Notes the decision of the Eighth Review Conference to continue and
improve the database established by the Seventh Review Conference to facilitate
requests for and offers of exchange of assistance and cooperation, and urges States
parties to submit to the Implementation Support Unit, on a voluntary basis, requests
for and offers of cooperation and assistance, including in terms of equipment,
materials and scientific and technological information regarding the use of
biological and toxin agents for peaceful purposes;

4. Encourages States parties to provide, at least biannually, appropriate
information on their implementation of article X of the Convention and to
collaborate to offer assistance or training, upon request, in support of the legislative
and other implementation measures of States parties needed to ensure their compliance with the Convention;

5. *Notes* the decision of the Eighth Review Conference to renew the sponsorship programme established by the Seventh Review Conference in order to support and increase the participation of developing States parties in the annual meetings, welcomes the continued willingness among States parties to provide voluntary contributions, and calls upon States parties in a position to do so to offer voluntary contributions for the programme;

6. *Also notes* the decision of the Eighth Review Conference to renew the mandate of the Implementation Support Unit agreed to at the Seventh Review Conference, mutatis mutandis, for the period from 2017 to 2021, and notes with appreciation the work of the Unit;

7. *Further notes* that the Eighth Review Conference did not reach agreement on a new intersessional programme and that in its Final Document it decided that States parties would hold annual meetings and that the first such meeting would be held in Geneva starting on 4 December 2017, have a duration of up to five days and seek to make progress on issues of substance and process for the period before the next Review Conference, with a view to reaching consensus on an intersessional process, and welcomes the efforts of States parties to that end;

8. *Notes with appreciation* the events organized by some States parties, regional organizations and the Office for Disarmament Affairs of the Secretariat for exchanges of views on the implementation of the Convention, and encourages States parties to continue to participate in such informal exchanges and discussions;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to render the necessary assistance to the depositary Governments of the Convention and to continue to provide such services as may be required for the conduct and the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the review conferences;

10. *Notes* the importance of addressing issues arising from the outstanding dues of States parties and participating States and from financial and accounting practices recently implemented by the United Nations under which funds must be available before meetings can be held, encourages States parties to consider ways of addressing these issues at their next opportunity, and requests the Secretary-General to cooperate with States parties in exploring options to address or reduce the impact of such issues;

11. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session the item entitled “Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction”.

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