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Mr. Chairman,

I have asked for the floor to briefly introduce the draft resolution on the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and Their Destruction (BTWC), a fundamental pillar of the international community's effort against the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. Hungary, following the practice of previous years, after extensive open-ended informal consultations has submitted the draft resolution on the BTWC.

In addition to the technical updates, this year's draft reflects progress made in the universalization of the BTWC and the decisions taken by the 2017 Meeting of States Parties (MSP) concerning the Intersessional Process for the period before the next Review Conference, as well as, the serious financial situation of the Convention requiring urgent action from States Parties.

Mr. Chairman,

Hungary wishes to remain the sole sponsor of the BTWC draft resolution. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Member States for the flexibility they have shown during the three rounds of informal consultations and express our hope the resolution will be again adopted by consensus, as it has been the case each year so far.