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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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The General Assembly,

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

Noting with satisfaction that there are now one hundred and fifty States parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction,\(^1\) including all of the permanent members of the Security Council,

Reaffirming in mind its call upon all States parties to the Convention to participate in the implementation of the recommendations of the Review Conferences, 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,\(^2\) and to provide such information and data in conformity with standardized procedure to the Secretary-General on an annual basis and not later than 15 April,

Welcoming the confirmation made in the Final Declaration of the Fourth Review Conference\(^3\) that under all circumstances the use of bacteriological

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\(^1\) Resolution 2856 (XXVI), annex.
\(^2\) BWC/CONF.III/2, para.1.
\(^3\) BWC/CONF.VI/a, para.1.
(biological) and toxic weapons and their development, production and stockpiling are effectively prohibited under article 1 of the Convention.

Recalling the decision reached at the Fifth Review Conference to hold three annual meetings of the States parties of one week duration each year commencing in 2003 until the Sixth Review Conference and to hold a two-week meeting of experts to prepare such meeting of the States parties, 2

1. Notes with satisfaction the increase in the number of States parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, 1 reaffirms the call upon all signatory States that have not yet ratified the Convention to do so without delay, and calls upon those States that have not signed the Convention to become parties thereto as an early date, thus contributing to the achievement of universal adherence to the Convention;

2. Receives the information and data provided to date, and renews its call upon all States parties to the Convention to participate in the exchange of information and data agreed upon in the Final Declaration of the Third Review Conference of the Parties to the Convention; 3

3. Recalls the decision reached at the Fifth Review Conference, 4 and calls upon the States parties to the Convention to participate in its implementation;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to render the necessary assistance to the depository Governments of the Convention and to provide such services as may be required for the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Review Conference, including all necessary assistance to the annual meetings of the States parties and the meetings of experts;

5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth 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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1 WWC/CONF.11/17, para. 18.