Madam Chairperson,
I will limit my intervention on Biological and Chemical Weapons.

First of all, I would like to thank Ambassador Khan of Pakistan, the President-designate of the 6th Review Conference of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC) for his comprehensive and informative presentation. I am confident that under his guidance the Review Conference would lead to a positive outcome.

**Biological Weapons**

Madam Chairperson,

- With regards to biological weapons, Indonesia calls upon State Parties to the BTWC to restart negotiation on the protocol of the Convention. In 2001, we—unfortunately—witnessed the failure of the negotiations on the Protocol that would have provided States Parties with the compliance measures and verification mechanism. We now need to double our efforts, and to ensure that the BTWC remains a vital and effective element of the international response to the threat of biological weapons.

- In the absence of a protocol, Indonesia and Australia have co-hosted a regional workshop which objectives was to highlight the importance as well as facilitate a greater understanding of the need by the States Parties in the region to implement the BTWC so that our common objectives can be fulfilled. This workshop was also organized encourage countries in the region to recognize the security benefits derived from the full and effective implementation of the BTWC.

- We believe that it remains the responsibility of States to take effective measures to prevent the misuse of the dual-use biological agents. In this regard, the Indonesian working group on BTWC, which consist of various governmental institutions, has started the drafting process of a national program to implement the Convention.

**Chemical Weapons**

Madam Chairperson,
• The so-called three pillars of the CWC, namely: destruction of chemical weapons, non-proliferation and international cooperation should be implemented in a balanced manner and respected by all States Parties.

• All existing stockpiles of chemical weapons must be destroyed without delay – that is the **first pillar** of the CWC. We commend the OPCW for providing the necessary technical assistance for this purpose. Indonesia is seriously concerned over the slow pace of chemical weapons destructions by some possessor states and urges those states to conform to the scheduled deadline of the destruction as stated in the CWC.

• As to the **second pillar** – curbing of the proliferation of hazardous chemical substances – intergovernmental cooperation is essential so that trans-boundary movements of these substances can be strictly controlled. Care must be taken, however, so that the peaceful application of the dual-use substances, especially for development purposes, is not hampered.

• These two pillars of the CWC cannot be advanced if we do not at the same time promote the **third pillar**, which is international cooperation and assistance. This is a very important incentive for those countries which never developed chemical weapons to join the CWC. While hoping the peaceful application of chemicals will not be restricted, many States Parties are still in need of assistance in meeting their CWC obligations. That assistance must be provided. We also need to plan and carry out confidence building measures so that States Parties can work together more closely.

• Indonesia has been able to enhance its national capacity to adhere to the Convention. We have strengthened coordination among our stakeholders at the national level. These have been possible because we are in a very close collaboration with the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW.

• As part of Indonesian contributions to achieve effective progress towards general and complete prohibition of chemical weapons and to promote cooperation in the field of chemistry for peaceful purposes, Indonesia, in conjunction with the OPCW, has organized the Fourth Regional Meeting of National Authorities of States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) in Asia, which took place in Jakarta, Indonesia, last September 2006. The meeting provided a forum for States Parties to the CWC to present their needs for assistance and indicate what assistance they could offer to other State Parties. This meeting gave inputs to the OPCW Technical Secretariat on how it could enhance its’ assistance to State Parties in the region, pursuant to the Conference of States Parties decisions relating to the implementation of Article VII of the CWC.

Thank you Madam Chairperson.