INTRODUCING DRAFT RESOLUTION L.6., ENTITLED “CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) AND TOXIN WEAPONS AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION” AGENDA ITEM 103

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Mr. Chairman,

Hungary, following the practice of previous years, has the honor to introduce, under agenda item 103, draft resolution L.6., 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 8 October 2014. The text of the draft is based on the resolution that was adopted in 2013, and it is updated to reflect the latest developments. Before tabling the draft resolution, our delegation held informal discussions on the text both in Geneva and here in New York. During those constructive discussions Member States quickly managed to come to a common position on the text. The consultations also reflected the firm commitment of Member States towards the Convention, and also, the attention the convention continues to receive. Let me thank, at this juncture, the outstanding cooperation and support of all delegations.

Mr. Chairman,

This year’s draft retains all important elements of the resolution that were adopted by consensus in 2013, but also contains substantive changes: In PP2, there is a new emphasis on the continued need to achieve universalization of the Convention. OP4 calls on States Parties to utilize efficiently the time allotted to consideration of Article VII of the Convention, the new biennial agenda item for 2014 and 2015. In line with previous decisions of the review conferences, OP5 enhances the language on Confidence Building Measures. OP9 streamlines the language on the role of Implementation Support Unit.

Other more logistical changes in OP4 and OP10 update the reference on the inter-sessional meetings held, and on the ones to be organized. The change in OP11 ensures that the agenda item will appear on the agenda of the seventieth session.

Mr. Chairman,

Hungary wishes to remain the sole sponsor of the draft resolution and it is the hope of my delegation that, as in the past, this year again it will be adopted by the Committee by consensus.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.