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CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) WEAPON::

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Denmark, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Portugal, Rwanda, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay and Zaire: revised draft resolution

Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol and to support the conclusion of a chemical weapons convention

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provisions of the protocol for the prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare, signed at Geneva on 17 June 1925, 1/ and other relevant rules of customary international law,

Recalling further the necessity for adherence by all States to the Convention on the Prohibition of the **Development**, Production and stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their **Destruction**, signed in London, Moscow and Washington on 10 April 1972, 2/

1/ League of Nations, Treaty Series, vol. XCIV (1929), No. 2138, p. 65.

2/ Resolution 2826 (XXVI), annex.

Reiterating its concern over reports that **chemical weapons have been used and** over indications of **their emergence** in an increasing **number** of **national arsenals**, **an well** as over the growing risk that **they** may be used again,

Noting with satisfaction that the **Conference** on Disarmament is actively engaged in negotiating **a** convention for the prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and **use** of all chemical weapons **and** on their destruction, **3/** including detailed provisions for the on-site verification of compliance with the convention, and expressing its support for the early and successful conclusion of those negotiations,

Noting also that prompt and impartial investigation of reports of possible use of **chemical** and bacteriological weapons would further enhance the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol,

Expressing its appreciation for the work of the Secretary-General and noting the procedures available to **him in support** of the principles and **objectives** of the 1925 Geneva Protocol,

1. Renews its call to all States to observe strictly the principles and objectives of the 1925 Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War **of** Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of **Bacteriological** Methods of Warfare, and condemns all actions that violate this **obligation**;

2. Urges all States to be guided **in their** national policies by the **need to** curb the spread of **chemical weapons**;

3. Recognizes the need, upon the entry into force **of** the chemical weapons convention, to review the modalities available to the Secretary-General **for** the investigation of reports **of** the possible use of chemical **weapons**;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to carry **out** investigations, in response to reports that **may be** brought to his attention by any Member State concerning the possible **use** of chemical **and** bacteriological (biological) or toxin weapons that may constitute a violation of the 1925 Geneva Protocol **or** other relevant rules of customary international **law**, in order to ascertain the **facts** of the matter, and to report promptly the results of any such investigation to **all Member States**)

5. Requests the Secretary-General, with the assistance of **qualified experts** provided by ~~by~~ interested Member States, to develop further **technical** guidelines and **procedures** available to him for the timely and efficient investigation of such reports of the possible **use of** chemical and **bacteriological** (biological) or toxin **weapons**;

3/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/42/27) , sect. III.D.

6. Also requests the Secretary-General, in meeting the objectives set forth in paragraph 4 above, to compile and maintain lists of qualified experts provided by Member States whose **services** could be made available at short notice **to** undertake such investigations, and **of** laboratories **with** the capability to undertake **testing** for the presence of agents the **use** of which is **prohibited**;

7. Further requests the Secretary-General, in meeting the objectives of paragraph 4 above:

(a) To appoint experts to undertake **investigation** of the reported **activities**;

(b) Where appropriate, to make the **necessary** arrangements for experts to **collect** and examine evidence **and** to undertake such **testing as** may be required)

(c) To seek, in any such investigation, assistance as appropriate from Member **States** and the relevant international **organizations**;

8. Requests Member States and the relevant international **organizations** to **co-operate** fully with the Secretary-General in the above-mentioned **work**;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its **forty-third** session on the implementation of **the** present resolution.
