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Belarus, China, Nicaragua, Russian Federation and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): draft resolution

Secretary-General's Mechanism for Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions concerning the Secretary-General's Mechanism for Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons, in particular resolutions 42/37C of 30 November 1987, 43/74A of 7 December 1988, 45/57C of 4 December 1990 and [60/288](#) of 8 September 2006,

Recalling also the technical guidelines and procedures contained in annex I to the 1989 report of the Secretary-General on chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons,¹

Reaffirming its dedication to protecting humanity from chemical and biological warfare,

Recognizing the common interest of all humankind in excluding completely the possibility of the use of chemical, bacteriological (biological) and toxin weapons and convinced that such use would be repugnant to the conscience of humankind,

Determined to condemn any use of toxic chemicals, biological agents or toxins as weapons by anyone, anywhere, at any time, and to hold accountable those responsible for any such use,

Recalling the provisions of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction of 1993,² the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction of 1972,³ the Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of

¹ [A/44/561](#).

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1974, No. 33757.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 1015, No. 14860.



Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare of 1925⁴ and other relevant rules of customary international law,

Underlining that the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction and the Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare are essential for international peace and security,

Reaffirming that under all circumstances the use, development, production and stockpiling of chemical, bacteriological (biological) and toxin weapons are effectively prohibited under article I of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction and under article I of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction,

Urging all States parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction and the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction as a priority to fully comply with all their obligations undertaken pursuant to those Conventions and to abide by the understandings agreed by the review conferences of the States parties to the Conventions,

Noting national initiatives to provide relevant training to experts that could support the Secretary General's Mechanism for Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons,

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 620 (1988), by which the Council decided to consider immediately, taking into account the investigations of the Secretary-General, appropriate and effective measures in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Recognizes* that there have been developments in the field of science and technology related to the Secretary-General's Mechanism for Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons and that the situation relating to chemical and biological disarmament has evolved since the Mechanism was created in 1987 and its technical guidelines and procedures were endorsed in 1990;

2. *Reiterates* that the Secretary-General should periodically review with the assistance of his appointed expert consultants, bearing in mind modifications proposed by Member States, the technical guidelines and procedures contained in annex I to the 1989 report of the Secretary-General, and revise them as necessary for submission to the General Assembly, upon its request;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to seek the views and proposals of Member States concerning the current status of the guidelines and procedures contained in annex I to the 1989 report of the Secretary-General and possible need to update them, and to submit a substantive report, with an annex containing those views, to the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session, for further discussion by Member States;

⁴ League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. XCIV, No. 2138.

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-eighth session an item entitled “Secretary General’s Mechanism for Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons”.
