

**Formal Consultative Meeting of the States Parties
to the Convention on the Prohibition of the
Development, Production and Stockpiling
of Bacteriological (Biological) and
Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction**

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**Respective outstanding questions by the Russian Federation
to the United States and to Ukraine concerning the fulfilment
of their respective obligations under the Convention in the context
of the operation of biological laboratories in Ukraine**

**On the statements by Ukraine and the United States
foreign to the topic of the Consultative meeting of
States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of
Biological and Toxin weapons on Article V of the
BTWC**

Submitted by the Russian Federation

1. The Russian Federation considers a number of statements made by the United States and their allies during the Consultative meeting (CM) and published on the web portal of the BTWC as working documents to be completely foreign to the matter under discussion and the agenda of the CM. Thus, these statements are inconsistent with paragraph 2 of Article XVI of the rules of procedure of the Eight Review Conference of the BTWC adopted as the rules of procedure of the Consultative meeting. In this regard, we consider them to be negligible in the context of the aims of this meeting.
2. Such outbursts by Ukraine and the United States, which have nothing to do with the topics of the Convention and reality in general, are aimed at undermining the CM and the authority of the BTWC platform. Instead of substantively discussing the issues raised by the Russian Federation concerning Ukraine's and the United States' compliance with the BTWC obligations in the context of military and biological activities in the Ukrainian territory, these States are trying to divert the attention of the international community to topics that are not related to the CM. At the same time, the real risks and threats associated with the development of biological weapons components in violation of the BTWC with the assistance of the United States in laboratories in Ukraine in the immediate vicinity of Russia's borders are simply ignored.
3. In view of this unconstructive line of Ukraine and the United States, the questions raised by Russia regarding the military and biological activities of Ukraine and the United States, respectively, remain relevant and require a proper response. They have not been answered comprehensively, which makes it impossible to resolve the situation that has caused the Russian side to convene the CM under Article V of the BTWC.

