

**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**

**Remarks by the Delegation of the Republic of
Indonesia to the BWC Formal Consultative
Meeting**

Submitted by Indonesia

Thank you, Mr. Chair,

1. Let me begin by congratulating you for assuming the chairmanship of this meeting and wish you every success in discharging this role.
2. Let me also thank the United Kingdom and the United States, the Depositories, as well as the Implementing Supporting Unit for their efforts in preparing this meeting.
3. My delegation follows closely the discussion during the past two days and welcomes the efforts made by the three concerned delegations to clarify their positions with respect to the concerns raised by the Russia Federation.

Mr. Chair,

4. Indonesia sees this Formal Consultative Meeting as part of a fulfillment of obligation under Article V ... and is in conformity with the relevant conclusions of the final documents of the Third Review Conference.
5. It is under this consideration, my delegation would like to flag two points that we believe are relevant to the work of this Meeting.
6. *First*, this situation should indeed urge us, the States Parties to the BWC, to continue efforts in strengthening the implementation of the Convention.
7. In this regard, Indonesia reaffirms its support for the establishment of the legally binding Protocol covering all aspect of the Convention, including verification mechanism. We believe creating such mechanism becomes more relevant than ever.
8. *Second*, Indonesia continues to attach great importance on strengthening international cooperation and assistance under the Convention. We need an effective mechanism for cooperation, assistance and capacity building for State Parties to ensure the full, effective and non-discriminatory implementation of Article X.
9. It is our hope that... nothing in this process will undermine our efforts in reinforcing international cooperation and assistance... to ensure all States Parties, particularly developing States, have access to equipment, materials and scientific and technological information relevant to the Convention.



10. In closing, I would like to recall the statement made by High Representative Izumi Nakamitsu in her briefing to the Security Council on Threats to International Peace and Security on 18 March this year... that BWC needs to be operationalized and institutionalized to ensure it is properly equipped and resourced to face future challenges.

11. Therefore, while hoping that this Consultative Meeting would serve the purpose to resolve all concerns raised, we hope that this Meeting would contribute to strengthening the Convention, including to proof whether the existing measures and procedures under the Convention are sufficient to address current and future challenges. Thank you.
