

**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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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**

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Biological Weapons Convention  
Statement, Republic of Korea, September 6, 2022**

**Submitted by the Republic of Korea**

Thank you, Mr. Chair, for giving me the floor.

1. At the outset, my delegation would like to express its sincere gratitude to you and the ISU (Implementation Support Unit) for the efforts to convene this Formal Consultative Meeting despite a packed schedule in the disarmament calendar this year. I assure you of my delegation's full support. Our deepest thanks also go to the Vice Chairs for their dedication. Also, my delegation would like to appreciate the national experts for their efforts on the 2-day briefing which has allowed us to better understand the situation.

Mr. Chair,

2. The Republic of Korea believes that increasing transparency and confidence, combined with promoting international cooperation among States Parties, is the key to strengthening the implementation of the Convention. With regard to transparency and confidence, we've been sharing relevant information through the annual Confidence Building Measures (CBM) reports and interventions made during the past BWC meetings. Furthermore, the BWC regime gives States Parties the right to request a consultative meeting so as not to leave unanswered questions or unresolved doubts, which contributes to building confidence and enhancing transparency.

3. As a long-standing supporter of the BWC regime, the Republic of Korea has actively engaged in various capacity-building programs through multilateral partnerships for international cooperation, in its efforts to promote biosafety and biosecurity. As a steering group member of the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA), we have contributed to various projects to strengthen biosecurity. We also have been actively participating in the capacity-building programs of the Global Partnership (GP) with various partner countries. Bilaterally, we are offering various assistance programs through the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), including the construction of medical facilities and the provision of technical assistance and medical staff training.

4. Recalling Global Partnership's joint statement last April, the Republic of Korea is concerned that the completely unfounded accusation regarding other States Parties' endeavors may hinder the advancement of the Convention's implementation, especially, of the Article X. Furthermore, the Republic of Korea joins the international community in strongly condemning the military aggression against Ukraine by Russia, which is in violation



of the fundamental principles of the UN Charter. The Republic of Korea also reiterates its call on Russia to immediately cease all military actions, withdraw all its forces from Ukraine, and comply with the obligations under international law.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.

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