

**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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Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia

Submitted by Indonesia

Thank you, Mr. Chair,

1. At the outset, allow me to extend our heartfelt congratulations to you, Mr. Chair, and express Indonesia's unwavering commitment to providing full support during your Chairmanship.
2. My delegation wholeheartedly welcomes the substantive discussions conducted by the Working Group on the Convention throughout the year.
 - These deliberations have proven instrumental in delving into nuanced aspects of the Convention, fostering a deeper shared understanding of issues that demand meticulous attention to fortify the Convention.
3. We extend sincere gratitude to the Chair and Friends of the Chair of the Working Group for their tireless efforts in adeptly steering and concluding this year's meetings.
4. Our heartfelt appreciation goes to the Implementation Support Unit for their invaluable support in facilitating the effective implementation of the treaty.

Mr. Chair,

5. Indonesia reaffirms, with unwavering dedication, its adherence to upholding the principles and objectives enshrined in the Convention.
6. Navigating through a complex geopolitical landscape marked by diverse challenges, the relevance and significance of the Convention resonate more strongly than ever.
7. In the spirit of multilateralism, it is vital to have a comprehensive approach to bridge political divides.
 - It is crucial for all parties to focus collectively on the shared objectives of the Convention.
8. In that respect, I would like to emphasize THREE crucial points.
9. FIRST, we must enhance continued cooperation within the BWC framework.
10. It is necessary to redouble efforts in reinforcing internal mechanisms and modalities.....
 - to preserve the integrity of the Convention and;
 - ensure its resilience against emerging challenges and evolving threats.
11. SECOND, we must acknowledge the commendable efforts made during the course of the year.



12. We believe it is essential to take into account pertinent points that have surfaced in our discussions to strengthen the Convention, such as:

- The enhancement of international cooperation and assistance to ensure the full, effective, and non-discriminatory implementation of Article X,
 - particularly in addressing the level of resources, development, and technological capabilities.
- The assurance that efforts to implement the BWC are adaptable to each state's unique circumstances, considering their individual capabilities, legal frameworks, and political context.
- The importance of involving the scientific community and industry experts to identify and address the dual-use implications of scientific and technological advancements.
- The promotion of trust among member states through transparency and Confidence-Building Measures, recognizing that CBMs cannot substitute a robust verification mechanism.
- The urgency to strengthen the compliance and verification mechanism, making it legally binding, adaptable to scientific advancements, and considerate of the diverse national capacities of State Parties.
- The significance of allocating sufficient, assured, and predictable resources to facilitate the Convention's implementation, supporting member states, especially those with limited capacities.

13. In our view, these discussions have laid a critical foundation for our deliberations and progress in addressing biological threats.

14. THIRD, we must ensure the inherent interconnectedness of these measures.

15. The interlinkages among these elements underscore the need for a well-structured and systematic approach in our discussions moving forward.

16. In this respect, we must foster a coherent, comprehensive, and forward- looking dialogue that recognizes the synergies among these measures while addressing their inherent complexities.

Mr. Chair,

17. In conclusion, Indonesia reaffirms its steadfast commitment to actively contribute to the consolidation and strengthening of the Convention.

18. Together, let us persist in our shared pursuit of a world free from the threat of biological weapons, where science and technology serve as instruments of peace and prosperity for all humanity.

Thank you.
