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CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND
STOCKPILING OF BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) AND TOXIN WEAPONS
AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION

Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark,
Finland, Germany, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland,
Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Republic of Moldova,
Romania, Russian Federation, South Africa, Sweden, United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of
America: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions relating to the complete and effective
prohibition of bacteriological (biological) and toxin weapons and to their
destruction,

Noting with satisfaction that there are more than one hundred and thirty
States parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development,
Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and
on Their Destruction, including all the permanent members of the Security
Council,

Bearing in mind its call upon all States parties to the Convention to
participate in the implementation of the recommendations of the Third Review
Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the
Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and
Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, including the exchange of information
and data agreed to in the Final Declaration of the Third Review Conference, 1/
and to provide such information and data in conformity with standardized

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1/ BWC/CONF.III/23, part II.

procedure to the Secretary-General on an annual basis and no later than
15 April,

Recalling its resolution 46/35 A, adopted without a vote on
6 December 1991, in which it welcomed, inter alia, the establishment, proceeding
from the recommendations of the Third Review Conference, 2/ of an ad hoc group
of governmental experts open to all States parties to identify and examine
potential verification measures from a scientific and technical standpoint,

Recalling also its resolution 48/65, adopted without a vote on
16 December 1993, in which it commended the final report of the Ad Hoc Group of
Governmental Experts to Identify and Examine Potential Verification Measures
from a Scientific and Technical Standpoint, 3/ agreed to by consensus at its
last meeting at Geneva on 24 September 1993,

Recalling further its resolution 49/86, adopted without a vote on
15 December 1994, in which it welcomed the final report of the Special
Conference 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, adopted by consensus on
30 September 1994, 4/ in which the States parties agreed to establish an ad hoc
group, open to all States parties, whose objective shall be to consider
appropriate measures, including possible verification measures, and draft
proposals to strengthen the Convention, to be included, as appropriate, in a
legally binding instrument to be submitted for the consideration of the States
parties,

Recalling the provisions of the Convention related to scientific and
technological cooperation and the related provisions of the Final Document of
the Third Review Conference, the final report of the Ad Hoc Group of
Governmental Experts and the final report of the Special Conference of the
States Parties to the Convention, held from 19 to 30 September 1994,

1.   Welcomes the information and data provided to date, and reiterates its
call upon all States parties to the Convention to participate in the exchange of
information and data agreed to in the Final Declaration of the Third Review
Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the
Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and
Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction;

2.   Welcomes the work begun by the Ad Hoc Group in pursuing the mandate
established by the Special Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on
30 September 1994 and urges the Ad Hoc Group, in accordance with its mandate, to

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2/   See BWC/CONF.III/23.

3/   BWC/CONF.III/VEREX/9 and Corr.1.

4/   BWC/SPCONF/1.

complete its work as soon as possible and submit its report, which shall be adopted by consensus, to the States parties to be considered at the Fourth Review Conference or later at a Special Conference;

3.   Requests the Secretary-General to continue to render the necessary assistance to the depository Governments of the Convention and to provide such services as may be required for the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Third Review Conference, as well as the decisions contained in the Final Report of the Special Conference, including all necessary assistance to the Ad Hoc Group;

4.   Notes that, at the request of the States parties, a Fourth Review Conference of the Parties to the Convention will be held at Geneva from [...] 1996, that, following appropriate consultations, a Preparatory Committee for that Conference has been formed, open to all parties to the Convention, and that the Committee will meet at Geneva from [...] 1996;

5.   Requests the Secretary-General to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services as may be required for the Fourth Review Conference and its preparations;

6.   Calls upon all signatory States that have not yet ratified the Convention to do so without delay, and also calls upon those States that have not signed the Convention to become parties thereto at an early date, thus contributing to the achievement of universal adherence to the Convention;

7.   Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction".