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Secretary-General's Mechanism for Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions concerning the Secretary-General's Mechanism for Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons, in particular resolutions [42/37 C](#) of 30 November 1987, [43/74 A](#) of 7 December 1988, [45/57 C](#) of 4 December 1990 and [60/288](#) of 8 September 2006,

Recalling also the technical guidelines and procedures contained in annex I to the 1989 report of the Secretary-General on chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons,¹

Reaffirming its dedication to protecting humanity from chemical and biological warfare,

Recognizing the common interest of all humankind in excluding completely the possibility of the use of chemical, bacteriological (biological) and toxin weapons, and convinced that such use would be repugnant to the conscience of humankind,

Determined to condemn any use of toxic chemicals, biological agents or toxins as weapons by anyone, anywhere, at any time, and to hold accountable those responsible for any such use,

Recalling the provisions of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction of 1993,² the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction of 1972,³ the Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of

¹ [A/44/561](#).

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1974, No. 33757.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 1015, No. 14860.



Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare of 1925⁴ and other relevant rules of customary international law,

Underlining that the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction and the Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare are essential for international peace and security,

Reaffirming that under all circumstances the use, development, production and stockpiling of chemical, bacteriological (biological) and toxin weapons are effectively prohibited under article I of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction and under article I of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction,

Urging all States parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction and the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction as a priority to fully comply with all their obligations undertaken pursuant to those Conventions and to abide by the understandings agreed by the review conferences of the States parties to the Conventions,

Noting national initiatives to provide relevant training to experts that could support the Secretary-General's Mechanism for Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons,

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution [620 \(1988\)](#) of 26 August 1988,

Recalling that, in its resolution [620 \(1988\)](#), the Security Council decided to consider immediately, taking into account the investigations of the Secretary-General, appropriate and effective measures in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Recognizes* that there have been developments in the field of science and technology related to the Secretary-General's Mechanism for Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons and that the situation relating to chemical and biological disarmament has evolved since the Mechanism was created in 1987 and its technical guidelines and procedures were endorsed in 1990;

2. *Reiterates* that the Secretary-General should periodically review, with the assistance of his appointed expert consultants, bearing in mind modifications proposed by Member States, the technical guidelines and procedures contained in annex I to the 1989 report of the Secretary-General and revise them as necessary, for submission to the General Assembly, upon its request;

3. *Encourages* Member States to determine which provisions of the guidelines and procedures contained in annex I to the 1989 report of the Secretary-General may need to be updated and to share their ideas and suggestions with regard to modifications to update the guidelines and procedures;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, within existing resources, to seek the views of Member States on the issues referred to in paragraph 3 above and to submit

⁴ League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. XCIV, No. 2138.

a substantive report, with an annex containing those views, to the General Assembly at its seventy-seventh session, for further discussion by Member States;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-seventh session an item entitled “Secretary-General’s Mechanism for Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons”.
