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LETTER DATED 25 APRIL 1972 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF  
POLAND, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Convention on the Prohibition of the Development Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction, which the General Assembly commended in its resolution 2826 (XXVI), was opened for signature on 10 April and has already been signed by more than 70 States. In that connexion we have the honour to request you to convene a meeting of the Security Council to consider the attached draft resolution, which will be formally submitted to the Council.

(Signed) E. KULAGA  
Permanent  
Representative  
of Poland

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Permanent Representative  
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Northern Ireland

(Signed) L. MOJSOV  
Permanent  
Representative  
of Yugoslavia

The Security Council,

Welcoming the desire of a large number of States to subscribe to the Convention on the prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of bacteriological (biological) and toxin weapons and on their destruction,

Determined, for the sake of all mankind, to exclude completely the possibility of bacteriological (biological) agents and toxins being used as weapons,

Bearing in mind that under article VI of the Convention the States Parties will have the right to lodge complaints with the Security Council together with a request for their consideration by the Council,

Recognizing the desirability that appropriate measures be adopted with a view to ensuring the observance of the obligations contained in the Convention, and the particular need for urgency in the investigation of complaints where there may be a possibility that use of biological methods of warfare has been involved,

Taking into consideration that the Convention expresses the desire of the States Parties to co-operate with the Security Council for the purpose of ensuring the strict observance of the obligations contained in the Convention,

Noting further article VII of the Convention regarding the provision or support of assistance in accordance with the United Nations Charter to any Party to the Convention which so requests if the Security Council decides that such Party has been exposed to danger as a result of violation of the Convention,

1. Declares its readiness:

- to consider immediately any complaints lodged under article VI of the Convention,
- to take all necessary measures for the investigation of a complaint,
- to inform the States Parties to the Convention of the results of the investigation;

2. Calls upon all States Parties to the Convention to co-operate for the purpose of implementing the provisions of this resolution.

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