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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and NAM States Parties to relevant treaties in the fields of other weapons of mass destruction.

NAM States Parties to the BWC reaffirm that the possibility of any use of bacteriological (biological) agents and toxins as weapons should be completely excluded, and also reaffirm the conviction that such use would be repugnant to the conscience of humankind.

NAM States Parties to the BWC recognize the particular importance of strengthening the Convention through multilateral negotiations for a legally binding Protocol and universal adherence to the Convention. We reiterate our call to promote international cooperation for peaceful purposes, including scientific-technical exchange, and underline the importance to maintain close coordination among the NAM States Parties to the Convention, and highlight that the BWC forms a whole and that, although it is possible to consider certain aspects separately, it is critical to deal with all of the issues interrelated to this Convention in a balanced and comprehensive manner.

Mr. Chairman,

NAM States Parties to the CWC invite all States that have not yet signed or ratified the Convention to do so as soon as possible with a view to its universality. NAM States Parties to the CWC reaffirm that the effective contribution of the Convention to international and regional peace and security can be enhanced through its full implementation and further reaffirm the importance of international cooperation in the field of chemical activities for purposes not prohibited under the CWC.

NAM States Parties to the CWC reiterate their call on the developed countries to promote international cooperation for the benefit of States Parties through the transfer of technology, material and equipment for peaceful purposes in the chemical field, and the removal of all and any discriminatory restrictions that are contrary to the letter and spirit of the Convention. The full, balanced, effective and non-discriminatory implementation of all provisions of the Convention, in particular economic and technical development through international cooperation, is fundamental to the achievement of its object and purpose.

While expressing serious concern that more than 60% of chemical weapons still remain to be destroyed, we call upon States having declared possession of chemical weapons to ensure full and complete compliance with the final extended deadline (29th of April 2012) for the destruction of their chemical weapons, in order to uphold the credibility and integrity of the Convention. The obligation and responsibility of the destruction of chemical weapons lie solely with the possessor

states Parties, and that fulfillment of this obligation is fundamental to achieve the object and purpose of the Convention. In this regard, we call on the relevant possessor States Parties to intensify the rate of destruction of their chemical weapons stocks by taking every necessary measure to meet their final extended deadlines for the destruction of their chemical weapons, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention.

NAM States Parties to the CWC reaffirm that the implementation of Article X of the CWC on assistance and protection against chemical weapons makes a significant contribution to countering the threats of use of chemical weapons. We stress the importance of achieving and maintaining a high level of readiness of the OPCW to provide timely and needed assistance and protection against use or threat of use of chemical weapons, including assistance to the victims of chemical weapons.

NAM States Parties to the CWC, while paying due respect to the chemical weapons victims and their families, declare their firm conviction that international support to provide special care and assistance to all victims suffering the effects of exposure to chemical weapons is an urgent humanitarian need, and that the States Parties to the Convention as well as the OPCW should pay urgent attention to meeting these needs including through the possible establishment of an international support network.

Mr. Chairman,

The Non-Aligned Movement regrets unsubstantiated allegations of non-compliance with relevant instruments on weapons of mass destruction, and calls on States Parties to such instruments that make such allegations to follow procedures set out in those instruments and to provide necessary substantiation for their allegations. We call upon all States parties to the respective international instruments to implement fully and in a transparent manner all their obligations under these instruments.

NAM expresses satisfaction with the consensus among States on measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction. We welcome the adoption by consensus of the General Assembly Resolution 62/33 entitled "Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction" and underline the need for this threat to humanity to be addressed within the UN framework and through international co-operation. While stressing that the most effective way of preventing terrorists from acquiring WMD is through the total elimination of such weapons, we emphasize that progress is urgently needed in the area of disarmament and nonproliferation in order to help maintain international peace and security and to contribute to global efforts against terrorism.

We call upon all Member States to support international efforts to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery

and also urge all Member States to take and strengthen national measures, as appropriate, to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction, their means of delivery and materials and technologies related to their manufacture.

Mr. Chairman,

While noting the adoption of resolution 1540 (2004), resolution 1673 (2006) and resolution 1810 (2008) by the Security Council, we underline the need to ensure that any action by the Security Council does not undermine the UN Charter and existing multilateral treaties on WMD and of international organizations established in this regard, as well as the role of the General Assembly. We further caution against the continuing practice of the Security Council to utilize its authority to define the legislative requirements for Member States in implementing Security Council decisions. In this regard, NAM stresses the importance of the issue of non-state actors acquiring weapons of mass destruction to be addressed in an inclusive manner by the General Assembly, taking into account the views of all Member States.

Mindful of the threat posed to humankind by the existing WMD and underlining the need for the total elimination of such weapons, we reaffirm the need to prevent the emergence of new types of WMD, and therefore support the necessity of monitoring the situation and triggering international action as required.

Finally Mr. Chairman, may I take this opportunity to introduce the following draft resolution on behalf of NAM, for the consideration of the Committee. Under this cluster, we will submit a draft resolution entitled "**Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol**" as contained in document A/C.1/63/L.25 under agenda item 89. There are only two technical up-dating on the draft resolution in PP.1 and OP.4.

We continue to renew our call to all States to observe strictly to the principles and objectives of the 1925 General Protocol. We also call upon States, that have not yet done so, to withdraw their reservations to this Protocol. We believe that this act will positively contribute to achieve effective progress towards general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control. We do hope that all member states would render their support to this draft resolution.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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