



INTRODUCING DRAFT RESOLUTION L.12, ENTITLED “CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) AND TOXIN WEAPONS AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION”  
AGENDA ITEM 104

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Mr. Chairman,

Hungary, following the practice of previous years, has the honor to introduce, under agenda item 104, draft resolution L.12, entitled “Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction”. The draft resolution was submitted for the Committee’s consideration on 12 October 2015 and was tabled, after reaching consensus on the text, on 16 October. Let me thank, at this juncture, the cooperation of all delegations, who took part in the consultations for their proposals and for their support.

Mr. Chairman,

This year’s draft retains all elements of the resolution, adopted by consensus in 2014, and contains the following substantive changes: an update on the number of States Parties in PP2 that now stands at 173; extended language in PP6 on international cooperation. OP2 is now merged with previous OP3 and amended in order to reflect the results of the intersessional process so far. Finally new OP9 underscores the importance of proper preparation for the upcoming Eight Review Conference to be held in 2016. The change in Op 11 ensures that the agenda item will appear on the agenda of the seventy-first session.

Mr. Chairman,

Hungary wishes to remain the sole sponsor of the draft resolution and it is the hope of my delegation that, as in the past, this year again it will be adopted by the Committee by consensus.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.