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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Regarding Chemical and Biological Weapons

The Security Council,

Aware of the insurgence of weapons of mass destruction on the international stage, and the gradual turn towards unconventional means of destruction, often biological and chemical in nature,

Cognizant that biological and chemical weapons pose a significant risk to the safety of millions, often more so than with conventional weapons due to heightened unpredictability,

Strongly condemns the decisions made by some nations, particularly in central Asia, to focus on their unconventional weapons inventory, and increase the testing of such devices,

Appalled by the use of sarin and other toxic gases in the Khan Sheikhoun attacks of April 2017, and the deaths of at least 91 civilian victims at the hands of Syrian chemical weapons,

Calling attention to the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) that condemned the use of any and all biological weapons, currently signed by 170 Member States,

Acknowledging the importance of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) of 1993 and its 63 signatories, while recognizing the need for an updated convention due to an outdated list of recognized weapons,

Noting further that many chemical and biological weapons, while not directly manifesting their impacts on human life, have the potential for equally detrimental indirect impacts, often to agriculture, wildlife, and the economy,

Drawing attention to the uncertainty and unpredictability that accompanies the use of chemical and biological weapons, due to both the complexity of impact, as well as a general difficulty in controlling those impacts,

1. *Calls upon* all states to commit to a no-first-use policy regarding chemical and biological weapons;
2. *Strongly recommends* the creation of a UN register for unconventional weapons to enhance the control of these weapons, and for all Member States to annually report the following data in order to increase international transparency:
 - (a) Annual military spending on unconventional weaponry;
 - (b) Type, nature, and strength of unconventional weaponry;
3. *Urges* all Member States, that have not already done so, to immediately ratify the Biological Weapons Convention;
4. *Calls for* the development of an updated, comprehensive UN convention regulating chemical weapons;
5. *Urges* all Member States to allocate 1.2% of their GDP towards the development of comprehensive strategies in the event of a chemical or biological attack including:
 - (a) Development of mass inoculations against common biological weapons such as anthrax and botulinum;
 - (b) Investment in early detection systems against chemical and biological weapons.

Submitter: Belgium

Seconder: Republic of Korea

Negator: Russia