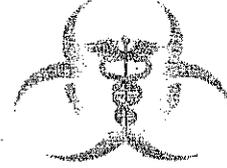




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**The 2012 Biological Weapons convention meeting of the States
Parties, 10-14 December 2012
Statement made by the Global Health and Security Consultants
(GHSC), Geneva**

Mr President, distinguished delegates

Let me express my sincere thanks for providing me the opportunity to address to this important meeting.

We all know that communicable diseases caused by infectious agents continue to be the major cause of illness, incapacity and death among human beings and animals. Unfortunately many developing countries involved in the outbreak of infectious diseases, lack efficient capability to respond properly and effectively to the outbreaks. Moreover, poor hygienic and safety conditions in hospitals and laboratories as well as lack of knowledge of safe handling of infectious materials has become a major source of dissemination of infectious materials into the personnel and environment and consequently endangering life of the people. On the other hand there is an increasing concern about the possible of misuse of dual use pathogens and toxins as a means of causing harm or death in a population. This by itself need special attention and effective planning to reduce such threats which if not managed properly, may end up with huge disasters to the communities.

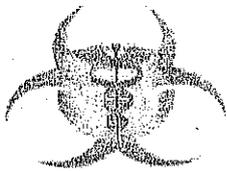
In brief, dangerous pathogens may cause risk to public health through:

- Natural outbreaks
 - Poor laboratory and clinical conditions/practices
 - Careless handling of infectious materials containing dangerous pathogens and deliberate misuse of such materials to cause harm, disease, incapacity or death among populations.
- Therefore, the first and foremost priority in public health security national and regional capacity building on Biological Risk Management (BRM) which include:

- **Establishment of national regulation and legislation**
- **National policy and strategic planning**
- **National standards and instruction for public health**
- **Awareness raising among public health communities of such risks within their territory and prepare them to respond adequately to the threats caused by these risks.**

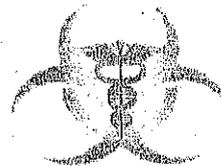
Our Mission and Vision:

The main objective of GHSC is to establish a pool of high level experts who have been and/or are active on different aspects of health and security including mainly capacity building in developing countries in managing public health risks. In other word, we try to make a proper and speedy link between these experts and those governments, institutions and NGOs who



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Need such services. So far, we have more than 60 renowned professional experts in our list and more are joining us. There will be a questionnaire through which they will indicate how they would like to work with us.

Activities:

We plan to help developing countries in managing their biological risks through the following activities:

- Organization of training courses and workshops on biosafety and biosecurity, Risk assessment, Transport of Dangerous pathogens, GMP and GLP
- Consultation on different aspects on health and security including, design, establishment and construction of research and diagnostic laboratories dealing with biological agents in particular BSL3 and BSL4, development and manufacturing of vaccine and biopharmaceutical products, supply, calibration and validation of their equipment
- Development and implementation of National Biological Risk Management programmes as well as health and security related projects
- Biological risk assessment
- Monitoring and evaluation of projects

GHSC has given the priority to low resource and developing countries to help them to establish their national capacities and we strongly believe that such activities are in the line with the scope of Biological Weapons Convention and will strengthen its implementation in these countries..

I will be available during the course of this meet to provide further information for interested delegates.

Mr President,

Many thanks and wish you all success during this meeting.

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