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## **Statement on Behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and Other States Parties to the BWC**

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### **Fuller Participation in CBMs**

NAM and Other States Parties underscore that the purpose of CBMs under the BWC as agreed by States Parties at the Second Review Conference and reconfirmed at subsequent Review Conferences is to prevent or reduce the occurrence of ambiguities, doubts and suspicions and in order to improve international cooperation in the field of peaceful biological activities. CBMs are a tool of transparency and building trust and confidence among States Parties in the implementation of the Convention. They cannot be a tool to assess compliance for which the only method is a legally binding mechanism with verification provisions.

NAM and Other States Parties note that further amendments to the CBMs forms were agreed to at the Seventh Review Conference in a constructive spirit shown by all States Parties. These amendments were aimed inter alia at increasing the number of States Parties which submit CBMs returns. NAM and Other

States Parties hope that the new CBMs forms lead to an increase in the number of CBMs submissions as only a limited number of States Parties currently make CBMs submissions. Having agreed to the amendments to CBMs forms at the Review Conference we believe there is a need to allow time to the national stakeholders to adjust the amended forms.

NAM and other States Parties recall that the mandate for discussing this issue as agreed in the 7th Review Conference is “how to enable fuller participation in the CBMs”. This mandate is clear that the aim of the exercise is to increase the number of States Parties making CBMs submissions. NAM and Other States Parties are hopeful that the issue of CBMs will not be overemphasized in this inter-sessional process in a manner that complicates the whole CBMs process.