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STATEMENT OF HUNGARY

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Mr. Chairman,

I have asked for the floor to introduce briefly the draft resolution on the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and Their Destruction (BTWC), a fundamental pillar of the international community's effort against the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. Hungary, following the practice of previous years has submitted the draft resolution on the BTWC.

In addition to the technical updates, this year's draft resolution contains a new preamble paragraph on the Article V Formal Consultative Meeting of the States Parties requested by the Russian Federation and convened at the Palais the Nations in Geneva on 26 August and reconvened from 5 to 9 September.

Mr. Chairman,

Hungary wishes to remain the sole sponsor of the BTWC draft resolution. I would like to take this opportunity express our hope that the resolution will be again adopted by consensus, as it has been the case each year so far. In this context, I would like to emphasize that by doing so the international community reaffirms its unequivocal support for the prohibition of biological weapons and confirms its conviction that the Convention is a fundamental pillar of the international community's efforts against the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

In our statement delivered in the general debate, we already drew attention to the importance of the positive outcome of the Ninth Review Conference of the BTWC. I cannot but emphasize the importance of adopting this year's draft resolution yet again by consensus, which would send a positive signal to the Review Conference.