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**STATEMENT BY INDIA DURING THE THEMATIC DEBATE ON
'OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION' AT THE FIRST
COMMITTEE OF THE 80th UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, NEW YORK,
23 OCTOBER 2025**

Chair,

India supports full, effective and non-discriminatory implementation of CWC. The use of chemical weapons simply cannot be justified.

We reiterate the importance of impartial & objective investigation process into any alleged use to establish facts and reach evidence-based conclusions.

We underline the importance of working on proposals which garnered broad consensus in the last CWC RevCon, including on adapting the verification & inspection regime to make it 'fit for the future' as well as by taking into account the rapid S&T developments that could impact the Convention's implementation.

Chair,

India reiterates importance of the full & effective implementation of BWC.

To mark the 50th anniversary of BWC, India will organize an International Conference for countries from Global South titled "*50 years of BWC: Strengthening Biosecurity for the Global South*" on December 1 and 2 in New Delhi.

India has engaged constructively in the ongoing deliberations of the Working Group to strengthen the Convention in all its aspects.

We have stressed the importance of further deliberations on enhancing compliance within BWC in a comprehensive manner. The convention must be institutionally strengthened, including through the establishment of mechanisms for ICA as well as response & preparedness, and to review S&T developments relevant to the Convention - in a systematic and a structured manner.

The financial health of the Convention must be placed on a sustainable footing, by ensuring both stability and predictability of resources.

Chair,

Terrorism is a major challenge to international security. It can potentially endanger the foundation of our societies. India is deeply concerned about the risks that arise from WMDs falling into the hands of terrorists and other non-state actors.

We encourage UN Member States to remain vigilant in the transfer of dual-use and sensitive technologies, particularly to those with a record of proliferation or links to terrorism, to prevent their potential diversion.

India has a robust legal and regulatory system on export controls comprising of effective inter-ministerial mechanisms at national level on licensing, enforcement and outreach.

India accords great importance to the implementation of SCR 1540, contributing to international non-proliferation as a participant of the relevant multilateral export control regimes and through provision of capacity building to the UN member States on relevant aspects.

Chair,

Since 2002, India has been tabling a resolution under this cluster, titled "Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring WMDs" which highlights the dangers of the proliferation of WMDs and the potential of their exploitation by terrorists and non-state actors.

The resolution was adopted last year without a vote and received the support of around 90 sponsors and co-sponsors. We request the continued support of all Member States for this resolution this year.

The full text of the statement will be uploaded online.
