International Webinar

MX5: Institutional Strenghening of the Convention

China's Perspective

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TASK

MX5:

Consideration of the full range of approaches and options to further strengthen the Convention and its functioning through possible additional legal measures or other measures in the framework of the Convention

Risk Accessment

- How effective is the Biological Weapons Convention in addressing the biological security risks?

Efforts to strenghen the Convention in areas of:

- Sciense and Technology
- National Implementation
- International Cooperation
- Prepardness，Response and Assistance

Efforts to strenghen the Convention:

- Confidence Building Measure
- Need to establish a BWC science and technology review process
- Institutional Mechanism for International Cooperation and Compliance with Article X
- Peer Review Exercise
- Strengthening cooperation with international organizations
- Awareness-raising，education and outreach to industry
- Enhance BWC ISU
- ……

Table 1
Comparison of the number of States with measures in place in 2016 for obligations under paragraph 2 of resolution 1540 (2004) (legal/enforcement)

Obligation	*Nuclear weapons*	*Chemical weapons*	*Biological weapons*
Manufacture/produce	146/117	161/142	129/105
Acquire	142/109	158/133	124/96
Possess	135/122	151/141	116/103
Stockpile/store[4]	107/85	150/121	119/88
Develop	82/63	142/113	118/83
Transport	110/104	106/106	97/95
Transfer	125/117	159/143	123/102
Use	151/139	175/159	152/135
Means of delivery	41/37	116/93	105/68
Accomplice	145/139	159/154	146/140
Assist	148/139	166/156	146/138
Financing	158/155	166/161	161/156

A Protocol with a Verification Mechanism:

- The particular importance of strengthening the Convention through the resumption of the multilateral negotiations for a legally binding Protocol dealing with all Articles of the Convention in a balanced and comprehensive manner
- Lack of such verification regime posing achallenge to the effectiveness of the Convention

Strengthening the Convention

36. In pursuance of the second part of its mandate under Item 9, the Conference, determined to strengthen the effectiveness and improve the implementation of the Convention and recognizing that effective verification could reinforce the Convention, decides to establish an Ad Hoc Group, open to all States Parties. The objective of this Ad Hoc Group shall be to consider appropriate measures, including possible verification measures, and draft proposals to strengthen the Convention, to be included, as appropriate, in a legally binding instrument, to be submitted for the consideration of the States Parties. In this context, the Ad Hoc Group shall, inter alia consider:

A Protocol with a Verification Mechanism:

WITHOUT or WITH a Protocol:

- Voluntary vs. Compulsory
- Political commitment vs. Legally binding
- Piecemeal vs. Comprehensive

Are we ready?

What is the root of the political difficulties?

A step-by-step approach

WHAT MAKES MAGIC?

Political Will…

In Conclusion.....

This intersessional programme should submit recommendations to the next Review Conference to restart the negotiation of a BWC Prototol...