Thank you, Mr. Chair for giving me the floor.

1. Kenya aligns itself with the statement delivered by Azerbaijan on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

2. At the outset, the delegation of Kenya expresses its gratitude to Mr. Kimmo Laukkanen for his report and commends his efforts as MX 1 Chair.

3. Kenya continues to appreciate the assistance from and cooperation with other states parties in the areas of:
   (i) capacity building in support of BWC implementation
   (ii) strengthening preparedness to prevent and respond to threats involving biological agents and
   (iii) enabling tools for awareness creation, education, and engagement.

Mr. Chair

4. Under Article X of the convention, with particular focus on strengthening Cooperation and assistance, Kenya acknowledges assistance received from different partners including the government of United States who supported enhancement of facilities across the country. These facilities include:
(i) Biosafety Level 3 laboratory for Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) in Naivasha for repository of biological materials from wildlife,

(ii) Sample Management System and enhancement of virology and microbiology laboratories at the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI). KEMRI is the top ranked Research and Innovation Institution in Kenya, according to SCIMAGO 2021 ranking, and the seventh (7th) best in the entire African continent,

(iii) Enhancement of laboratories for animal related samples at the Department of Veterinary Services (DVS),

(iv) Building of laboratories for Isiolo and Kajiado County Hospitals,

(v) Construction of a Perimeter wall at Kenya Veterinary Vaccines Production Institute (KEVEVAPI).

Mr. Chair,

5. Through cooperation with the BWC Implementation Support Unit, Kenya has participated in sharing good practices and lessons learnt in the preparation and submission of CBMs with the governments of Sudan, Mali, Botswana and the Caribbean Community.

6. Furthermore, Kenya invited the BWC Implementation Support Unit to participate and share experiences during the 2nd EAC Science, Technology and Innovation Conference hosted jointly by the East African Science and Technology Commission (EASTECO) and the Interuniversity Council for East Africa (IUCEA) between 27th – 29th October, 2021 in Bujumbura, Burundi. To sensitize the scientific communities within the EAC, an informative and incisive paper presentation was made by the BWC Implementation Support Unit that covered key Science and Technology trends of relevance to the BWC and their implications for biosecurity, the crucial role of scientists to strengthen the norms of the BWC, and opportunities to engage and contribute to the work under the Convention.

I thank you for your attention.