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Maat Statement to Biological Weapons Convention

Preparatory Committee

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Thank you, Mr. President

At the outset, we thank the efforts made to coordinate the Preparatory Committee for the Ninth Conference to Review the Biological Weapons Convention, and we hope that there will be a greater opportunity for civil society organizations to participate in the review sessions because of the assistance of the largest number of organizations will enhance the work of the Committee and the universality of the Convention.

Maat Association, in its capacity as the technical secretariat of the Global Coalition for Limitation of Armaments, which is a coalition of civil society organizations, would like to present to you some recommendations.

At the outset, we would like to thank the team of experts and the Implementation Support Unit of the Biological Weapons Convention for their continuous efforts and attempts to work to protect humanity from the proliferation of weapons and prevent their dangers.

However, despite the abundant efforts made by the unit to implement and activate the objectives of the articles of the Biological Weapons Convention, many dangerous biological weapons have the potential to be developed that threaten international peace and security, and thus the survival of the planet.



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There are also concerns about the possibility of the emergence or use of biological weapons during the current Russian-Ukrainian conflict, which we should take into account and work together to shed light on this type of weapon and its dangers, and the measures that must be taken to combat the use of biological weapons.

Over the centuries, it has been proven that biological weapons are one of the most dangerous weapons that threaten civilians all over the world, as they cause long-term effects such as economic decline, the elimination of genetic diversity for animals and crop cultivation, the elimination and threat to the basic needs of humans, the deterioration of global health of humans Hence the threat to the implementation of the UN goals for 2030 in the world.

Therefore, in the context of achieving the goals and articles of the convention stipulated for the states' pledge in Articles One and Two not to develop, produce, stockpile, possess or maintain biological weapons, in addition to destroying biological weapons that are free of any use or peaceful objectives that benefit societies or humanity, Maat for Peace, Development and human rights Association exert continuous effort to maintain a world without weapons and to promote and spread international peace and security through its declaration on GCAL, by unifying the efforts of all concerned parties from international organizations, non-governmental organizations and civil society to limit the spread of all types of weapons, including biological weapons. On the sidelines of the meeting of the Ninth Preparatory Committee for the Biological Weapons Convention, Maat Association presents some recommendations in the context of activating and implementing the articles of the Biological Weapons Convention.

1) The need to raise awareness of the danger and impact of the use of biological weapons



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- 2) Strengthening the role of civil society and NGOs to limit the spread of biological weapons
- 3) Establishing and activating countermeasures and sanctions in case of the violations of countries to the articles of the convention



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