Thank you, Vice-Chairperson,

At the outset, the Republic of Malawi wishes to offer its sincere gratitude to the Implementation Support Unit for facilitating sponsorship program for Member States which has enabled us to attend this meeting. I further wish to express gratitude to the Member States that contribute towards this program.

The Republic of Malawi has benefited a lot from the support unit, including technical support to the country in developing the BWC legislation which is in the final stages now. In enhancing the BWC mandate, Malawi has also joined other programs such as the EU CBRN Initiative. Through this Initiative, the country is implementing projects that have a direct positive bearing on the implementation of BWC obligations. I, therefore, wish to express our gratitude to the EU for the assistance offered to the Republic of Malawi through this initiative.

Vice-Chairperson,

Malawi strongly advocates for a peaceful resolution to conflicts. In view of this, Malawi actively participates in programs that aim at promoting international peace and security. Malawi has ratified several Treaties like the BWC and CWC that aims at creating a peaceful global world.
Vice-Chairperson,

Realizing that we are living in a technological advanced globalized world the Government of Malawi decided to take matters of the BWC seriously by putting up proper structures, which include policies, legislations, and infrastructures as a matter of preparedness and response to the threats related to Biological Weapons. COVID-19 has acted as a wakening call demonstrating that a biological problem can easily spread globally and affect every country. It is, therefore, necessary to put in place proper resilient structures that will enable us to prevent a catastrophic effect on these pandemics and other biological related threats.

Vice-Chairperson,

The Republic of Malawi trust that Member States will together come up with decisions that would enhance the implementation of the BWC. There is need to achieve universality of the Treaty for the whole world to be on the same page. There is also need for Members, including Malawi to implement all the Articles of the Treaty in good faith.

In conclusion, I wish to commend the ISU for the good work they are doing in supporting States in different ways and wish to renew Malawi’s commitment to BWC.

Thank you for your attention