

Formal Consultative Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction

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Item 7 of the agenda

Adoption of the report of the meeting

Final report of the Formal Consultative Meeting of the States Parties

1. As agreed at the Informal Meeting held on 27 July 2022 and subsequently confirmed in a letter sent by Ambassador Aidan Liddle of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to all States Parties on 28 July 2022, the Formal Consultative Meeting of States Parties to the 1972 Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) requested by the Russian Federation was convened at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, on 26 August 2022 by the Depositary Governments. The Meeting was reconvened from 5 to 9 September 2022. The States Parties held eight meetings during that period under the Chairmanship of Ambassador György Molnár of Hungary who was elected on 5 September 2022.
2. The States Parties also elected four Vice-Chairs from the following countries: Canada, China, Republic of Moldova and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Mr. Daniel Feakes, Chief of the BWC Implementation Support Unit, Office for Disarmament Affairs, served as Secretary of the Meeting.
3. In accordance with the understandings in the letter dated 28 July 2022 from Ambassador Liddle, the Formal Consultative Meeting took place in private and only States Parties and Signatory States to the Convention participated. In addition, there was no public broadcast of the Formal Consultative Meeting, and no summary records were prepared. States Parties and Signatory States could request that their national positions or other documents be published on the BWC website as official working papers of the Meeting.
4. States Parties adopted the agenda of the Formal Consultative Meeting ([BWC/CONS/2022/1](#)), as contained in Annex I to this report, and agreed to be guided by the provisional programme of work ([BWC/CONS/2022/2](#)), as proposed by the Chairperson.
5. States Parties decided to apply, mutatis mutandis, the rules of procedure of the Eighth Review Conference, as contained in document [BWC/CONF.VIII/2](#).
6. The following 89 States Parties to the Convention participated in the Meeting: Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam.



7. The following Signatory State to the Convention also participated in the Meeting: Syrian Arab Republic.
8. On 5 September 2022, the Meeting heard, under agenda item 6, the presentation by the Russian Federation of its Article V consultation request regarding respective outstanding questions by the Russian Federation to the United States and to Ukraine concerning the fulfilment of their respective obligations under the Convention in the context of the operation of biological laboratories in Ukraine (see relevant Working Papers). On 5 and 6 September 2022, the Meeting heard the response by the delegations of Ukraine and the United States (see relevant Working Papers). Each delegation then made further statements amplifying points raised in their statements.
9. On 7 September 2022, the Meeting considered the issues for which the Meeting was requested by the Russian Federation and heard national statements from the following 42 States Parties: Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Cuba, Czech Republic (on behalf of the European Union), France, Georgia, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lithuania (on behalf of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia), Mexico, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam. One Signatory State also took the floor: Syrian Arab Republic. There then followed an opportunity to respond for the Russian Federation, the United States and Ukraine. States Parties welcomed the fact that the delegations of the Russian Federation and Ukraine and the United States had sought to clarify their positions with respect to the concerns raised by the Russian Federation. States Parties noted that the consultation was fully in conformity with the conclusions of the final document of the Third Review Conference relevant to the application of Article V of the Convention.
10. No consensus was reached regarding the outcome of the Formal Consultative Meeting.
11. A list of official documents of the Formal Consultative Meeting, including the working papers submitted by States Parties, is contained in Annex II to this report. All documents on this list are available on the Convention's website at <https://meetings.unoda.org/section/bwc-fcm-2022-documents/> and through the United Nations Official Document System (ODS), at <http://documents.un.org>.
12. At its closing meeting on 9 September 2022, the Meeting adopted its report by consensus, as contained in document BWC/CONS/2022/3.

Annex I

Agenda of the Formal Consultative Meeting of States Parties

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Election of the office-holders.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organization of the meeting.
5. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
6. Respective outstanding questions by the Russian Federation to the United States and to Ukraine concerning the fulfilment of their respective obligations under the Convention in the context of the operation of biological laboratories in Ukraine.
7. Adoption of the report of the meeting.
8. Closing of the meeting.

Annex II

List of documents of the 2022 Formal Consultative Meeting of States Parties

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
BWC/CONS/2022/1	Provisional agenda for the Formal Consultative Meeting of States Parties
BWC/CONS/2022/2	Provisional programme of work for the Formal Consultative Meeting of States Parties
BWC/CONS/2022/3	Final Report of the Formal Consultative Meeting of States Parties
BWC/CONS/2022/Misc.1 English/French/Spanish only	Preliminary list of participants
BWC/CONS/2022/INF.1 English/French/Spanish only	List of participants
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.1 English and Russian only	Request to convene a formal consultative meeting pursuant to Article V of the Biological Weapons Convention and the Final Declarations of the Second and Third Review Conferences – Submitted by the Russian Federation
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.2 English and Russian only	Questions to the United States regarding compliance with the obligations under the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (BTWC) in the context of the activities of biological laboratories in the territory of Ukraine – Submitted by the Russian Federation
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.3 English and Russian only	Questions to Ukraine regarding compliance with obligations under the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (BTWC), in the context of the activities of biological laboratories – Submitted by the Russian Federation
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.4 Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Spanish and Russian	Response by the United States of America to the request by the Russian Federation for a Consultative Meeting under Article V of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention – Submitted by the United States of America
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.5 English only	Disinformation and Article X of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention: A case study – Submitted by Canada
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.6 English and Russian only	Statement by the Head of the delegation of the Russian Federation at the Consultative meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of Biological and Toxin Weapons (BTWC) under BTWC Article V, (Geneva, 5 September 2022) – Submitted by the Russian Federation
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.7 English and Russian only	Questions to Ukraine regarding compliance with obligations under Part 1 of Article I of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (BTWC), in the context of activities of biological laboratories – Submitted by the Russian Federation

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BWC/CONS/2022/WP.8* English and Russian only	On the sanitary and epidemiological situation in Ukraine – Submitted by the Russian Federation
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.9 English and Russian only	Questions to Ukraine regarding the observation of the obligations under Part 2 of Article I of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction (BTWC), in the context of biological laboratories' activities – Submitted by the Russian Federation
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.10 English and Russian only	Questions for the United States regarding the compliance with obligations under Article IV of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction (BWC) in the context of the development of means of delivery of biological weapons – Submitted by the Russian Federation
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.11 English and Russian only	Questions for the United States regarding compliance with obligations under Article IV of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (BWC) in the context of activities of biological laboratories in Ukrainian territory – Submitted by the Russian Federation
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.12 English and Russian only	On the Goals and Objectives of U.S.-Ukraine Cooperation in Ensuring Sanitary and Epidemiological Welfare of the Population – Submitted by the Russian Federation
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.13 English and Russian only	Questions to Ukraine regarding the compliance with obligations under Article IV of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (BWC) in the context of activities of biological laboratories in the Ukrainian territory – Submitted by the Russian Federation
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.14 English and Russian only	Questions to Ukraine and the United States in connection with the information provided in the framework of the confidence-building measures of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (BTWC) in the context of the activities of biological laboratories on Ukrainian territory – Submitted by the Russian Federation
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.15 English only	Presentation - Questions to Ukraine regarding compliance with obligations under Part 1 of Article I of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (BTWC), in the context of activities of biological laboratories – Submitted by the Russian Federation
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.16 English only	Presentation - On the sanitary and epidemiological situation in Ukraine – Submitted by the Russian Federation
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.17 English only	Presentation – Questions to Ukraine regarding compliance with obligations under Part 2 of Article I of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (BTWC), in the context of activities of biological laboratories – Submitted by the Russian Federation
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.18 English only	Presentation – Questions for the United States regarding compliance with obligations under Article IV of the Convention on

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	the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction (BWC) in the context of the development of means of delivery of biological weapons – Submitted by the Russian Federation
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.19 English only	Presentation – Questions for the United States regarding compliance with obligations under Article IV of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (BWC) in the context of activities of biological laboratories in Ukrainian territory – Submitted by the Russian Federation
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.20 English only	Presentation – Questions to Ukraine regarding the compliance with obligations under Article IV of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (BWC) in the context of activities of biological laboratories in the Ukrainian territory – Submitted by the Russian Federation
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.21 English only	Statement by H.E. Ambassador Yuriy Klymenko, Head of the delegation of Ukraine at the Formal Consultative Meeting of the States Parties to the BTWC (Geneva, September 5, 2022) – Submitted by Ukraine
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.22/Rev.1 English only	Opening Statement to the Article V Consultative Meeting Under the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention, U.S. Special Representative Kenneth D. Ward, September 6, 2022 – Submitted by the United States of America
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.23 English only	Statement to the Article V Consultative Meeting Under the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention, by Kingston Reif, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Threat Reduction and Arms Control, United States Department of Defense, September 6, 2022 – Submitted by the United States of America
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.24 English only	Ukraine Presentation. Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention Article V Consultative Meeting – Submitted by Ukraine
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.24/Corr.1 English only	Presentation - Ukraine's compliance with obligations under the BTWC and engagement in BTRP activities – Submitted by Ukraine
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.25 English only	Statement to the Article V Consultative Meeting Under the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention, by Samuel W. McDonald, Legal Adviser to the U.S. Delegation, September 6, 2022 – Submitted by the United States of America
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.26 English and Russian only	Questions of the Russian Federation to the United States and Ukraine regarding the compliance with their obligations under the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (BTWC) in the context of the activities of biological laboratories in the territory of Ukraine – Submitted by the Russian Federation
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.27 English only	EU Statement at the Formal Consultative Meeting pursuant to Article V of States Parties to the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention – Submitted by the Czech Republic

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BWC/CONS/2022/WP.28 English only	Statement by Germany to the Formal Consultative Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction – Submitted by Germany
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.29 English only	National statement by Australia – BWC Article V Consultative Meeting – Submitted by Australia
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.30 English and Russian only	National Statement of the Republic of Uzbekistan – Submitted by Uzbekistan
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.31 English and French only	National Statement on Biological Weapons Convention (BTWC) Formal Consultative Meeting under Article V – Submitted by France
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.32 English only	Statement by the Permanent Mission of Türkiye Consultative Meeting under Article 5 of the BWC – Submitted by Türkiye
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.33 English only	National statement of Ireland by Mr. Jamie Walsh, Deputy Permanent Representative of Ireland to the Conference on Disarmament – Submitted by Ireland
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.34 English and French only	Statement by Canada to Formal Article V Consultative Meeting of BTWC States Parties – Submitted by Canada
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.35 English only	Nigeria’s Statement to be delivered at the Formal Consultative Meeting pursuant to Article V of The Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) – Submitted by Nigeria
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.36 English only	Baltic States statement at the Formal Consultative Meeting pursuant to Article V of States Parties to the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention – Submitted by Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.37 English and Russian only	Response to the statements of Ukraine and the United States in the context of the questions of the Russian Federation on the compliance by these states with their obligations under the BTWC in the context of the activities of biolaboratories – Submitted by the Russian Federation
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.38 English only	United States Technical Briefing to the Article V Consultative Meeting under the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention – Submitted by the United States of America
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.39 English only	Statement of the Georgian delegation at the Formal Consultative Meeting pursuant to Article V of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC) – Submitted by Georgia
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.40 English only	National statement delivered by Mr. Henrik Yeritsyan – Submitted by Armenia
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.41 English only	Statement by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland by H.E. Mr. Aidan Liddle, Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament – Submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.42 Arabic only	Statement by the Syrian Arab Republic, Formal Consultative Meeting of States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC), September 7, 2022 – Submitted by the Syrian Arab Republic

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BWC/CONS/2022/WP.43 English only	Swedish national statement, BTWC Article V Consultative Meeting, Ms. Sara Lindegren, DPR Disarmament, Permanent Representation of Sweden to the UN in Geneva – Submitted by Sweden
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.44 English and French only	Speech by the Swiss delegation to the Formal Consultative Meeting under Article V of the Biological Weapons Convention and the Final Declarations of the Second and Third Review Conferences. Speech by H.E. Mr. Felix Baumann – Submitted by Switzerland
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.45 Spanish only	Declaración nacional del Perú en tema de agenda “Declaraciones nacionales de otras delegaciones” – Presentado por Perú
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.46 English only	Concluding statement by H.E. Ambassador Yurii Klymenko, Head of the delegation of Ukraine at the Formal Consultative Meeting of the States Parties to the BTWC (Geneva, September 6, 2022) – Submitted by Ukraine
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.47 English and Russian only	Reaction to statements of the interested participating States at the Consultative meeting of States Parties to the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC) under Article V of the BTWC – Submitted by the Russian Federation
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.48 Chinese and English only	Remarks by H.E. Ambassador LI Song at the Formal Consultative Meeting of the Biological Weapons Convention – Submitted by China
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.48/Rev.1 Chinese and English only	Remarks by H.E. Ambassador LI Song and Questions to the United States at the Formal Consultative Meeting of the Biological Weapons Convention – Submitted by China
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.49 English only	Poland’s Statement at the Formal Consultative Meeting pursuant to Article V of States Parties to the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention – Submitted by Poland
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.50 English only	Statement by H.E Dušan Matulay, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the UN Office and other International Organisations in Geneva at the Formal Consultative Meeting pursuant to Article V of the Biological Weapons Convention – Submitted by Slovakia
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.51 English and Russian only	Bilateral Diplomatic Exchanges between the United States and the Russian Federation preceding the Russian Federation’s request for an Article V Consultative Meeting under the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention – Submitted by the United States of America
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.52 English only	Statement delivered by Minister Shigeru UMETSU Deputy Permanent Representative, Delegation of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament, Formal Consultative Meeting of the Biological Weapons Convention – Submitted by Japan
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.53 Spanish only	Reunión Consultiva Formal bajo el Artículo V de la BWC – Presentado por Argentina
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.54 English only	Statement delivered on behalf of the Republic of South Africa on the occasion of the Formal Consultative Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction – Submitted by South Africa

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BWC/CONS/2022/WP.55 English only	National statement by Norway to the Formal Consultative Meeting pursuant to Article V – Submitted by Norway
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.56 English only	Formal Consultations under Article V, Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention, 5.-8. September 2022, Statement on behalf of Austria – Submitted by Austria
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.57 English only	Statement of Belgium, Formal Consultative Meeting pursuant to Article V of States Parties to the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention – Submitted by Belgium
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.58 Spanish only	Intervención de México en la reunión de consultas bajo el artículo V de la CAB – Presentado por México
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.59 Spanish only	Reunión consultiva de los Estados Partes de la Convención sobre la prohibición de las armas biológicas y tóxicas (CAB) en virtud del artículo V de la CAB, Declaración Nacional en apoyo a la Federación de Rusia – Presentado por Nicaragua
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.60 Spanish only	Declaración nacional de Chile ante la Reunión Consultiva Formal – Presentado por Chile
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.61 English only	2022 Formal Consultative Meeting under Art. V of the Biological Weapons Convention, Brazil’s Statement – Submitted by Brazil
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.62 English and Russian only	On the statements by Ukraine and the United States foreign to the topic of the Consultative meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of Biological and Toxin weapons on Article V of the BTWC – Submitted by the Russian Federation
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.63 English and Russian only	Joint Statement on the Results of the Consultative meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of Biological and Toxin Weapons (BTWC) under BTWC Article V – Submitted by Belarus, China, Cuba, Nicaragua, Russian Federation, Syrian Arab Republic, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zimbabwe
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.64 English and Russian only	Statement by K. V. Vorontsov, Head of the Delegation of the Russian Federation at the Consultative Meeting of States Parties to the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention on Article V of the BTWC – Submitted by the Russian Federation
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.65 English only	Statement by Mr. Mehdi Aliabadi, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva, Before the Formal Consultative Meeting of the State Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) Pursuant to Article V, Geneva, 7 September, 2022 – Submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.66 Spanish only	Intervención del Embajador de España, D. Ignacio Sánchez de Lerín, Embajador de España ante la Conferencia de Desarme, Convención para la Prohibición de Armas Biológicas y Tóxicas, Reunión consultiva artículo V, Ginebra, 07 de septiembre de 2022 – Presentado por España
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.67 English only	Statement by the Republic of Kazakhstan – Submitted by Kazakhstan
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.68 English only	National Statement by Portugal to the Formal Consultative Meeting of States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention – Submitted by Portugal

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BWC/CONS/2022/WP.69 English only	Remarks Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia BWC Formal Consultative Meeting – Submitted by Indonesia
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.70 English only	Additional Statement to the Article V Consultative Meeting Under the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention, U.S. Special Representative Kenneth D. Ward, September 6, 2022 – Submitted by the United States of America
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.71 English only	U.S. Experts Technical Presentation for BWC Article V Consultations, 6 September 2022 – Submitted by the United States of America
BWC/CONS/2022/WP.72 English only	Formal Consultative Meeting of the States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention Statement, Republic of Korea, Geneva, 7 September 2022 – Submitted by the Republic of Korea
