

**FIFTH REVIEW CONFERENCE 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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PROPOSAL FOR THE FINAL DECLARATION

Working paper by Argentina and Australia

Preambular paragraphs and Purpose of the Convention: The proposal is to add the following text in the Solemn Declaration and Preamble at the Fifth Review Conference, in addition to those points adopted by the Fourth Review Conference as amended.

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, which met in Geneva from 19 November to 7 December 2001, Solemnly Declare:

- *Their conviction that terrorism, in all its manifestations and whatever its motivation, is abhorrent and unacceptable to the international community, and their renewed determination to ensure, through the full implementation of their obligations under the Convention, that biological and toxin weapons are never acquired, developed, produced, stockpiled or used by terrorist, criminal or other groups or individuals.*
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