

**Statement by Ambassador Cheng Jingye, at the  
Preparatory Committee for the Sixth Review Conference  
of the States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention**

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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, please allow me to congratulate you on your assumption of the chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee. I believe that your rich diplomatic experience and talents will lead this meeting to a positive outcome.

Mr. Chairman,

Since its establishment, the Biological Weapons Convention has unparalleled significance in eliminating the threat of and preventing proliferation of biological weapons. In face of the new challenges of the non-traditional security factors and the rapid development of biotechnology, the majorities of the international community calls on formulating concrete measures to further promote the universality and comprehensive and effective implementation of the Convention through multilateral framework.

Since the 5<sup>th</sup> Review Conference, the States Parties make use of the intersessional Meetings of Experts and States Parties to discuss the five issues to explore positively the measures to strengthen the effectiveness of the Convention. Under the current situation, it is a valuable attempt to maintain the multilateral process.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Review Conference will work out the future work to strengthening the effectiveness of the Convention within the multilateral framework, on the basis of reviewing the implementation of the Convention in the past five years. China attaches great importance to the Conference and would like to make contribution to its success.

Mr. Chairman,

Establishing a good agenda is essential for the 6<sup>th</sup> Review Conference to achieve positive result. A good agenda should be balanced, pertinent, and practicable. China believes that reviewing the implementation of the Convention article by article, discussing the outcome of the Meetings of Experts and States Parties, establishing the future agenda of the multilateral process and measures to strengthen biological international cooperation should be the focus of the 6<sup>th</sup> Review Conference.

As for the other proposals for the agenda, China will join the discussion with an open, positive and constructive manner as long as they are helpful to promote multilateral process and strengthen the effectiveness of the Convention.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman