



**PGA REGIONAL AFRICA WORKSHOP TO PROMOTE RATIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1540 (2004)**

17-18 September, 2018

DAR-ES-SALAAM DECLARATION

Extending our sincere appreciation to the PGA National Group of Tanzania for their hospitality in hosting this important Workshop, which seeks to create a safer, more secure and more peaceful Africa for us all;

Expressing appreciation to all other participants in this Workshop, whether from International Organizations, Governments, or other stakeholders, for providing their insights, expertise and guidance;

Mindful of the grave dangers posed to our respective countries and peoples by the proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, including Biological and Toxin Weapons;

Alarmed at the growing evidence in the past few years that certain Non-State Groups including terrorist organizations operating in Africa, may be seeking to acquire, develop, use or manufacture Weapons of Mass Destruction, including Biological Weapons;

Recognizing the importance of achieving universality and national implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention in our respective countries as well as UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004), and UN Security Council Resolution 2325 (2016);

Determined, as lawmakers and advocates, to take steps that are necessary to promote improved, as appropriate, universality and national implementation of the BWC in our respective countries as well as improved national implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004);

We, Members of Parliament from Cameroon, Central-African Republic, Chad, Djibouti, eSwatini, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe, participating in this workshop, hereby undertake to:

1. *Encourage* our respective Governments, as appropriate, to ratify and robustly implement the Biological Weapons Convention;
2. *Encourage* our respective Governments to fully implement UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004), and UN Security Council Resolution 2325 (2016);
3. *Encourage* our respective Governments to meet their reporting requirements under both frameworks, as appropriate;
4. *Raise the matter* in relevant Parliamentary Committee Meetings, Plenary Sessions and in communications with relevant Government Ministries, and/or prepare and introduce Parliamentary Resolutions, Motions, Orders and/or Bills that promote the objectives of this Workshop, as appropriate;
5. *Explore the possibility* of drafting and introducing new legislation to facilitate improved implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention and UNSCR 1540 (2004), in consultation with PGA, as appropriate;
6. *Express our intention* to keep PGA informed within a year from the end of this Workshop of what steps we have been able to take, pursuant to this Plan of Action.

Done this 18th Day of September, 2018 in Dar-es-Salaam