

Regional Caribbean Parliamentary Workshop to Promote Ratification and Implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention and Implementation of United Nations Security

Council Resolution 1540 (2004)

Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago

Port of Spain

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## PORT OF SPAIN PLAN OF ACTION

Possible Steps/Initiatives to be taken by Participants following Conclusion of Workshop

- Consider making a Report to Parliament on your Participation in this Workshop, highlighting the importance and urgency of taking actions to promote implementation of the BWC and UNSCR 1540 (2004)
- 2. Consider referring this issue to the Chairpersons of relevant Committees within your Respective Parliaments for further deliberation and identification of steps to be taken. Foreign Relations Committee, Defense/Security Committee, Legal Affairs, Health Committee and Agricultural Committee may all be considered in this respect
- 3. Consider outreaching to appropriate media outlets upon your return to publicize your participation in this Workshop and also as a means of generating greater public awareness surrounding the importance of the subject-matter of this Workshop

- 4. Consider outreaching to relevant Government Ministries to notify them of your participation in this Workshop and sharing a brief summary of main points covered
- Consider encouraging relevant Government Ministries to review the current status of implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention and UN Security Council Resolution 1540 with a view to possible submission of draft Bills of Legislation to Parliament
- Consider encouraging relevant Government Ministries to submit updated National Reports on Implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1540 to the UNSCR 1540 Committee at the United Nations in New York
- 7. Consider outreaching to colleagues in Parliament to encourage final steps be taken to finalize the ratification process of the Biological Weapons Convention, as may be appropriate
- 8. Consider hosting a follow-up Workshop in coordination with PGA later in 2019 to allow for an opportunity for Participants in this Workshop to share experiences with respect to possible steps taken and to draw up a final set of Conclusions and Recommendations
- 9. Consider sharing with PGA updates on steps you may have been able to take during the course of 2019
- 10. Consider staying in contact also with Experts and Representatives from Regional and International Organizations that have participated in this Workshop in order to benefit from their guidance and expertise

