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## The Role of Parliamentarians in Addressing the Challenges of COVID-19 through Implementation of Existing International Biosecurity and Biosafety Frameworks

Virtual Workshop with Malaysian and Indonesian Legislators

### *Plan of Action*

1. **Encourage** our national authorities to consider review of existing domestic biosecurity, biosafety and bio-risk management (BRM) practices and regulations, with a view to assessing the need for introduction of new or revised legislation or regulations, as appropriate and if necessary, in light also of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic
2. **Decide** to explore taking one or more of the following steps to seek to mitigate threats associated with issues of biosecurity, biosafety, and BRM practices and regulations:
3. **Encourage** our national authorities to consider advancing and finalizing domestic legislative processes concerned with implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention and UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004), if necessary, and as appropriate
4. **Call upon** all national governments involved in the development and production of vaccines to ensure that all countries receive simultaneous and equal access at such time when a safe and effective vaccine becomes available
5. **Share** information acquired during this Workshop with interested colleagues and relevant parliamentary committees, as well as exploring opportunities for possible future discussion in other, suitable parliamentary sessions
6. **Encourage** more female Parliamentarians in our respective parliaments to become involved in addressing biosecurity and biosafety issues, including by joining relevant Parliamentary Committees
7. **Seek** to remain in contact with each other, individually and/or collectively, in order to share relevant new developments and information on initiatives we have taken.