

## **PGA Lusophone Parliamentary Workshop to Promote Universality and Implementation of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention as well as Implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004)**

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### **Plan of Action of Bissau**

*Extending our sincere thanks to the Guinea- Bissau People's National Assembly for hosting this important Workshop;*

*Expressing thanks to all the other participants of this Workshop, whether from International Organizations, Governments or other interested parties, for providing their insights, knowledge and guidance;*

*Aware of the grave dangers to our respective countries and peoples of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, including biological and toxic weapons;*

*Alarmed by the growing evidence in recent 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 the 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 legislators and inspectors, to take the necessary steps to promote the universality and improved national implementation of the BWC in our respective countries, as well as the national implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004);*



***We, Members of Parliament and representatives from Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe, and Timor-Leste, commit ourselves to:***

- 1. To encourage our respective Governments, as appropriate, to ratify and robustly implement the Biological Weapons Convention, as well as other United Nations Treaties, including on the rule of law and organized crime;*
- 2. To encourage our respective Governments to fully implement UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) and UN Security Council Resolution 2325 (2016), as well as other existing Resolutions within the framework of the United Nations Security Council , including on matters of Rule of Law and Organized Crime;*
- 3. Encourage our respective organs of sovereignty to meet their reporting requirements in both structures, as appropriate;*
- 4. Address the matter at relevant meetings of Parliamentary Committees, Plenary Sessions and in communications with relevant Ministries of Government and Judicial System, and / or prepare and present Parliamentary Resolutions, Motions, Orders and / or Draft Laws that promote the objectives of this Seminar, as appropriate;*
- 5. To urge the governments of their respective countries to designate a focal point that can support the follow-up of the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1540;*
- 6. Encourage Non-Governmental Organizations, as well as Civil Society, to promote awareness-raising and collection activities, with voluntary delivery, of weapons;*
- 7. Explore possibilities for drafting and introducing new legislation, effective cooperation mechanisms for priority reforms in the areas of security, justice and defense, to facilitate better implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention and United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) United Nations, as well as other Conventions and Resolutions, in consultation with the EMP, as appropriate;*
- 8. To express our intention to keep the PGA informed within 6 months after the end of this seminar on the measures we have been able to take, in accordance with this Plan of Action.*

***Adopted on October 25, 2018, at the Guinea-Bissau National People's Assembly***

