

India's Explanation of Vote (POST VOTING)

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L.69– United Nations Secretary General's Mechanism for Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons

We recognize the efforts of the Russian Federation for tabling the revised resolution. However, it still falls short of our expectations.

India is State Party to and attaches highest importance to the CWC, BWC, and 1925 Geneva Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare and all their provisions.

India has maintained that alleged use of chemical or biological weapons should be dealt with as per the provisions of CWC and BWC. The CWC has a comprehensive verification regime and detailed provisions to deal with any alleged use of chemical weapons.

As to the BWC, India has called for negotiation of a comprehensive and legally binding Protocol, providing for an effective, universal and non-discriminatory verification mechanism.

India has always supported upholding the integrity of these Conventions and dealing with specific instances as per the provisions of these Conventions.

India believes that matters relating to the alleged use of chemical or biological weapons should be addressed within the framework of respective Conventions. India would like to reiterate its call for negotiating a verification protocol for the BWC, which in our view, is the only way to strengthen the norm and verification process against the use of biological weapons.

India, therefore, has abstained on the Resolution L.69.
