

## MOSCOW MEMORANDUM

Following Secretary-General Kofi Annan's call in his report of 27<sup>th</sup> April 2006, to address the global threat of bio-terrorism, the Moscow Workshop on Preventing Bio-threats, a gathering of international experts in law, science, public health, and diplomacy convened in June 2006. The Moscow Workshop is a continuation of the process initiated in Kampala, Uganda in October, 2005, concerning the global bargain for biosecurity and bioscience.

1. The Moscow Workshop reaffirms the principles stated in the Kampala Compact (insert Compact).
2. The Moscow Workshop supports UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan's call for Member States to strengthen existing measures and create effective instruments for preventing proliferation of WMDs.
3. The Moscow Workshop recognizes the importance of Security Council Resolution 1540 and urges all nations of the world to enact legislation for preventing bio-terrorism and the misuse of bio-science to the fullest extent.
4. The Moscow workshop also supports Kofi Annan's call to hold an international forum to enhance the efforts of all interested parties – governments, scientists, public health, law enforcement, and the public – to advance bio-science and bio-security for the betterment of humanity.
5. In accord with the Secretary-General, the Moscow Workshop supports efforts at the 6<sup>th</sup> review conference to strengthen the Biological and Toxins Weapons Convention.
6. The Moscow Workshop recognizes the insufficiency of international mechanisms to prevent non-state actors from developing capabilities for bio-terrorism.
7. In furtherance of the Secretary-General's global call, the Moscow Workshop urges consideration of the development of an international council of multi-disciplinary experts directed at detection and assessment of emerging bio-terrorism threats from non-state actors and to assist member States in preventing bio-terrorism.
8. The Moscow Workshop urges that such a council include a clear definition of its purpose, scope of operation, organizational structure, authority and relationship to other entities.
9. The Moscow Workshop calls upon all nations to become States Parties to the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention and upon all citizens of the world to unconditionally reject the use of biological weapons.