

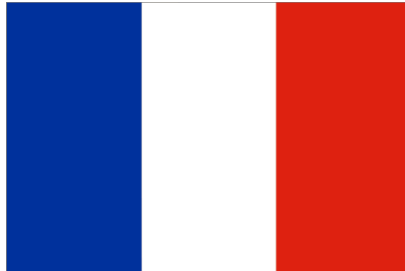
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Honourable chair and fellow delegates,

Over the past century, countries have stopped the production, stockpiling and the use of biological and biochemical weapons. In 1973, France, along with the United States renounced the research of biological devices but confined them to defensive only, including immunizations and safety measures.

Although the Geneva Protocol addressed to biological warfare, it was only limited to their use and did not take into consideration their stockpiling and production. The BWC (Biological weapons convention) which banned an entire category of weapons was ratified by 22 member states and had 179 signatories. Among the 22 ratified members, the United States of America was one the first to adhere to the BWC which resulted in many other countries to also give up the production and stockpiling of biological weapons.

From 2007 France has abolished the use chemical weapons including the use of tear gas.

Also, yet today we find unjust governments using biochemical weapons against their own people. As many as 1300 people have died after the Syrian government allegedly used such weapons against the rebels.

Other than these, many governments have given up the use of biological weapons after ratifying with the BWC.

France believes that the UN should investigate the use of chemical weapons in Syria. France also urges other nations to undertake the USA protocol of 11850 which abolishes the use of chemical and biological devices to defensive only.