

**Statement by  
Ambassador Kayrat Abusseitov,  
Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan  
at the Conference on Disarmament  
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Mr. President,

Since I am taking floor first time under your chairmanship let me congratulate you on the assumption of the CD Presidency and assure of our fullest support and cooperation.

I would like to inform the members of the Conference that the accession of Kazakhstan to the Biological Weapons Convention on June 28 this year is a logical and consistent implication of our national policy in the field of WMD disarmament and non-proliferation.

Our accession to the BWC is in line with the efforts of its parties to make the membership of the Convention universal. Together with other members we will work towards the total universalization of the ban on biological weapons. We expect that participation of Kazakhstan's experts and scientists in the BWC activities would facilitate cooperation in the field of peaceful use of relevant technologies and know-how.

Let me also inform you that the accession to the BWC is a part of another process aimed at joining the Missile Technologies Control Regime (MTCR). The preparatory work started in 1996 - since then all necessary legal norms and regulations in the field of export control have been adopted. While not accepted formally to the MTCR Kazakhstan strictly follows its principles. The official application for the membership in the MTCR was submitted on June 10, 2003.

Our aspiration to join the MTCR is driven by the need to develop the potential of the Baikonur space launch site, to ensure access to space services market and newest space technologies.

We hope that the delegations representing countries - members of the MTCR will deliver these considerations to their capitals.

Thank you.