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of Bacteriological (Biological) and  
Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction**

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**Respective outstanding questions by the Russian Federation  
to the United States and to Ukraine concerning the fulfilment  
of their respective obligations under the Convention in the context  
of the operation of biological laboratories in Ukraine**

## **Statement by the Republic of Kazakhstan**

### **Submitted by the Republic of Kazakhstan**

1. The Republic of Kazakhstan cooperates with all interested parties on issues of biological safety in strict compliance with the Convention on the Prohibition of Bacteriological and Toxin Weapons. The nature of this cooperation is exclusively peaceful, based on the principle of openness, and not directed against any other states, as per the law “Biological Safety in the Republic of Kazakhstan” adopted in May 2022.
2. The trans-national nature of pathogens and infectious diseases, as exemplified by the COVID-19 pandemic, requires increased international cooperation for the purpose of upgrading national capacities to protect the health of humans and animals. This is critical for robust global health security.
3. In this regard, Kazakhstan underscores the importance of its proposal to establish an International Agency for Biological Safety (IABS) under the auspices of the United Nations. The creation of such an Agency will give greater impetus to collective efforts to promote transparency in national implementation, enhance capacities to respond to biological incidents, contribute to greater harmonization of safety standards in biological research, and develop effective anti-pandemic framework.
4. As a part of anti-pandemic measures, Kazakhstan is ready to contribute to the global production of vaccines and to a system of universal recognition of vaccine certificates.
5. The Republic of Kazakhstan strongly adheres to international cooperation as a norm of responsible state behavior and remains committed to enhancing interaction with all international partners in the field of ensuring biological safety.

