

**TRANSCRIPT OF THE STATEMENT BY THE
LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA TO THE 2007
MEETING OF STATES PARTIES OF THE
BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION**

In the name of God the Merciful, the Compassionate, Mr. Chairman, it is my pleasure to direct my congratulations to you for your election as Chairman of this meeting and for the previous meetings and assure you of the commitment of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the Convention by signing it and its ratification and all the other steps taken by Libya and which it is continuing to take, showing to the world and the States Parties that it is one of the countries which is interested in working side by side with other countries for peace and spreading peace throughout the world.

Amongst the measures taken by the Jamahiriya, it is setting up the National Committee for Biological Morality and which can be summed up as saying as follows:

Participating in a special forum on weapons of mass destruction, which was held in London, where the Committee participated with the National Committee for the holding of workshops and presentations and posters and the like, and regarding the morality of dealing with the new technologies; and also the workshop on genetically modified foods; the Committee participated in the North African Forum on Biological Safety in Foodstuffs; and, sixthly, it has also set up a workshop on potable water and its role in peace and also in setting up a workshop on reproduction; and eighth, setting up another workshop on the effects of moral behaviour on these matters; and also setting up a workshop on the biological safety of foodstuffs; a further workshop on the question of medical examination prior to marriage; biological agri-business; setting up a workshop on the thermal treatments and its role in biological activities. We have also proposed legislation for how to deal with highly toxic materials and how it affects the health of man, animals and plants, and this is legislation which will be used to put an end to the spread of infectious diseases. We have also renewed the law on health and carried out amendments in accordance with international regulations, the search for legislation on the international level in how to deal with and using these regulations and also to proposing other legislative texts in order to fill the gaps that we may have in any legislation; setting up a working group which would deal with legislation for early warning regarding the spread of infectious diseases, and bio-organisms which are of great danger, how to deal with them; setting up a special working group on how to deal with toxic materials, and how to classify them and decide upon the level of danger of these bio-elements; setting up a working group which would propose and draft a law for the genetic plant protection, and a draft law for those who might use such material in a haphazard manner which could cause problems to the safety of man and animals; setting up a working group to present a legislative text for the conduct of the medical staff in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and also a code of conduct for pharmacists and a working group for a proposal of a legislative text for those who carry out laboratory work and analysis. The Committee set up a working group amongst

them in order to review all the laws and legislation concerning plants, the protection of forests and wetlands and also the text of the Biodiversity Convention, setting up a working group for the legislation regarding how to deal with all biological matters and bio-organs; setting up a working group for how to deal with the analysis and the laboratory work and a code of conduct for those who work in laboratories; the setting up of legislation and reviewing the legislation currently which defends our plants; and then also defends animals, as well as bio-health and other matters in accordance with the Convention on Biodiversity; biosafety, setting legislation for biosafety, in accordance with the requirements of the Convention that we are dealing with here.

This is what we wanted to sum up for you as the activities being carried out in the Libyan Arab Jamahiryia and my delegation will be quite flexible in order to serve the objectives of this Convention.
