

**TRANSCRIPT OF THE STATEMENT BY THE
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES TO THE 2007
MEETING OF STATES PARTIES OF THE
BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION**

Mr. President, at the beginning, on behalf of the United Arab Emirates and to express to you the congratulations for your presidency of this meeting, we feel sure that your experience will participate in the success of this meeting and I wish you every success.

I would also like to thank the representatives of WHO and the FAO and the Animal Health Organization for their interventions which have given us an opportunity to get to know many of the important matters and which will participate in our international cooperation for the effective implementation of the Convention.

The United Arab Emirates shares with the international community its efforts in order to disarm and get rid of the weapons of mass destruction out of our belief in international peace and security. Our country has joined all disarmament agreements and I convey to you the Council of Ministers' agreement in my Government on 20 November 2007 to ratify this Biological Weapons Convention and which was signed in 1972. We are at present carrying out legislative and national steps in order to deposit the documents of ratification.

My country is translating the objectives and texts of this Convention into national actions in its legislation and systems and also to use the ?? for peaceful biological research.

In conclusion, we hope that our discussions of the many items on the agenda will result in international peace and security and stability for the world.
