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by

**Ambassador Paul Meyer
of Canada**

on behalf of the JACKSNNZ Group

Japan, Australia, Canada, Republic of Korea,
Switzerland, Norway, and New Zealand

to the

**Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention
6th Review Conference**

Geneva, November 20, 2006

Mr. President,

I am speaking on behalf of the JACKSNNZ.

We are an informal group of countries (Japan, Australia, Canada, Republic of Korea, Switzerland, Norway, and New Zealand) that share similar views on issues related to biological weapons and implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention. We have been working together to share ideas, information, and approaches on the various issues that will be addressed at the Review Conference.

In this regard, we have prepared a series of national papers to inform our deliberations at the Sixth Review Conference. The papers that have been developed include: universalization (Australia and the Republic of Korea); confidence building measures (Switzerland); a support unit for the BWC (Norway), national implementation (Japan), and the intersessional process (New Zealand). The papers were drafted and presented on a national basis, in consultation with each other.

We are committed to contributing to a successful outcome at this Review Conference that strengthens the Biological Weapons Convention and addresses the new challenges and opportunities in science and technology. We look forward to working cooperatively with all delegations in achieving these objectives.

Thank you, Mr. President.