

Country: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Committee: Disarmament and International Security

Topic: Preventing non-State actors from acquiring weapons of Mass Destruction

Honorable chairs, distinguished delegates,

The threat posed by non-state actors attaining weapons of mass destruction is deeply concerning the United Kingdom. The acquisition of WMDs by non-state actors would constitute a major danger to world peace and security, with disastrous repercussions. As a result, the UK considers that preventing non-state actors from acquiring WMDs is a crucial international objective.

The United Kingdom is in favour of a comprehensive approach to preventing non-state actors from getting WMDs. This approach should include measures to enhance border security, prevent the illicit trafficking of WMD-related materials, and promote international cooperation in intelligence-sharing and law enforcement.

The UK supports initiatives aimed at improving nations' capabilities to monitor and manage borders in order to improve border security. Their borders are effectively protected. We feel border security is a vital component in stopping the illicit trafficking of WMD-related materials and technologies. The United Kingdom backs the efforts of the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime and other relevant organisations in aiding governments in developing the capacity to properly monitor and regulate their borders.

The UK supports measures to tighten international restrictions and sanctions against persons and businesses involved in the illegal trade in order to prevent the illicit trafficking of WMD-related materials. To prevent the flow of WMD-related materials and technology to non-state actors, we think that a strong legal and regulatory framework is required. The United Kingdom backs the United Nations Security Council's efforts to impose sanctions on persons and organisations implicated in the illicit trade of WMD-related materials.

The United Kingdom supports initiatives to improve information-sharing among governments and boost law enforcement cooperation in order to improve international collaboration in intelligence-sharing and law enforcement. We think that strong information sharing and law

enforcement collaboration are critical to preventing non-state actors from acquiring WMDs. The United Kingdom supports the International Criminal Police Organization and other similar organisations in their efforts to promote international collaboration in law enforcement.

Finally, the United Kingdom is dedicated to preventing non-state actors from getting weapons of mass destruction. We think that a comprehensive strategy is required to achieve this aim, and we urge all governments to collaborate in order to improve border security, prevent the illicit trafficking of WMD-related materials, and promote international collaboration in this area.

Thank You.