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**Report of the Implementation Support Unit on its activities to
implement its mandate, 2012-2016**

Submitted by the Implementation Support Unit

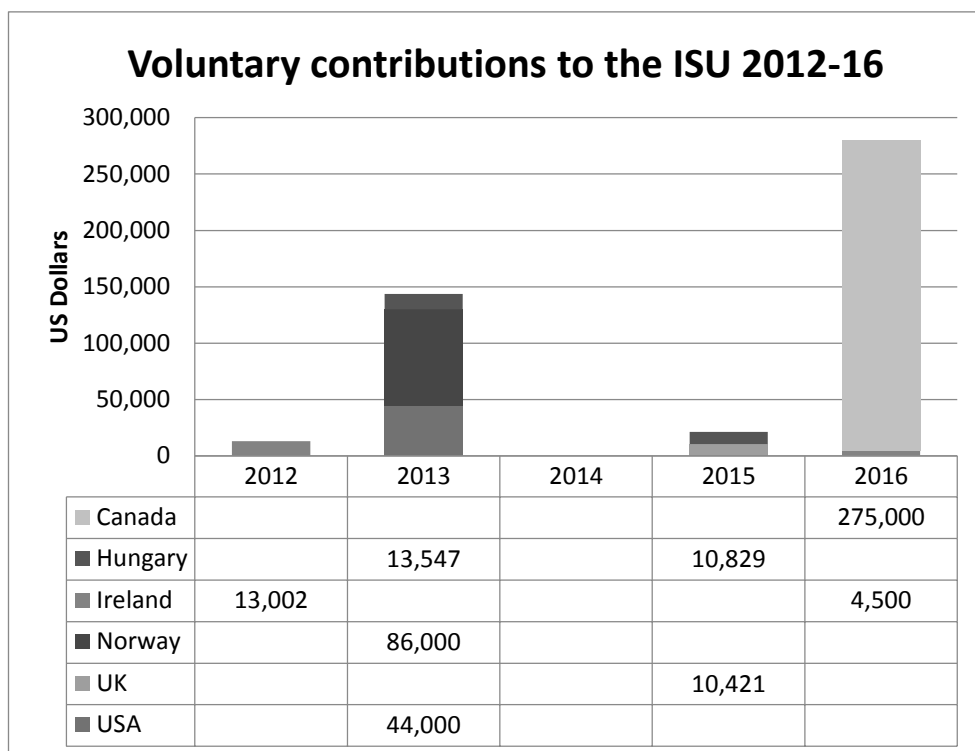
Amendments

1. Paragraph 2 *should read*
 2. The ISU has acted in accordance with this mandate and has submitted annual reports to the Meetings of States Parties in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.¹ This present report summarizes the information provided in the annual reports and also includes information from 1 January until 27 September 2016.
2. Paragraph 8 *should read*
 8. As encouraged by the Seventh Review Conference, and to assist in the pursuit of its mandate, the ISU has also received voluntary contributions from several States Parties in a position to do so. The chart below shows the contributions received. The contributions from Ireland and Hungary were used to support ISU participation in relevant meetings and workshops, especially in developing countries. The contribution from Norway was used to organize a workshop for industry and other non-government actors in Canada, while the contribution from the United States of America was used to support regional and international participation in a BWC implementation seminar organized by Chile. The contribution from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was used to support the event in Geneva to mark the fortieth anniversary of the BWC. The contribution from Canada has supported several activities, including an international workshop organized in cooperation with the Governments of Canada and China, and with the ISU which took place in Wuxi, China, contributions to the European Union supported regional workshops in Brasilia and Addis Ababa in August and September 2016 respectively, a contribution to the BWC sponsorship

¹ See BWC/MSP/2012/2, BWC/MSP/2013/4, BWC/MSP/2014/4 and Corr.1 and Corr.2, and BWC/MSP/2015/3 and Add.1.



programme, support to the ISU's travel budget and activities relating to education, outreach and awareness-raising.



3. Paragraph 20 *should read*

20. Additionally, the ISU co-hosted or otherwise supported the planning and organisation of several meetings and events directly related to the Convention. For example, in September 2013 the ISU co-hosted with Norway and the Biotechnology Industry Organization an international workshop on "Safeguarding the benefits of Biotechnology", in Montreal, Canada and in October 2013 the ISU helped to plan and organize, and participated in, a regional seminar hosted by Chile on "Biological Material and Biosafety in the Framework of the Biological Weapons Convention". In March 2015, the ISU in cooperation with the Chairman and the Depositary Governments organized an event in Geneva to mark the fortieth anniversary of the BWC. In October 2015, the ISU cooperated with the African Union Commission to organize a workshop in Addis Ababa on the universalization of the BWC in Africa which was attended by several States not party and Signatory States. Finally, in September 2016, the ISU cooperated with the Governments of Canada and China to organize an international workshop on the Eighth Review Conference in Wuxi, China.

4. Paragraph 27 *should read*

27. As decided by the 2013 Meeting of States Parties, the offers of assistance are available on the public area of the BWC website, while the requests for assistance are available to States Parties in the restricted area of the website.² As of 27 September 2016, the database contained:

² See BWC/MSP/2013/5, paragraph 22(a).

(a) A total of 61 offers of assistance, from eight States Parties (Canada, Cuba, Denmark, France, Germany, Mexico, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America) and one group of States Parties (the Australia Group); and

(b) A total of 23 requests for assistance, from six States Parties; and one update of a request of assistance. Since the last report in November 2015, 15 new entries have been recorded by the ISU.

5. Paragraph 34 *should read*

34. The chart below shows the voluntary contributions that have been made to the sponsorship programme from 2012 to 2016. It should be noted that the European Union also contributed to the programme in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2016 under the Council Decisions mentioned above. In addition, Germany and the United States of America sponsored participation by national experts through bilateral arrangements outside of the sponsorship programme administered by the ISU.

