Transparency Initiatives:
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Side Event of the 2018 Meeting of States Parties to the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC) on the recent peer review visit in the NCDC Richard Lugar Center in Tiflis, Georgia

Tuesday, 4 December 2018
13:15 – 14:45, Room XVIII
Building E, Palais des Nations, Geneva

A light lunch will be served at 13:00 outside the conference room

13:15 Opening remarks
Ambassador Peter Beerwerth, Permanent Representative of Germany to the Conference on Disarmament
Ambassador Yann Hwang, Permanent Representative of France to the Conference on Disarmament
Ambassador Victor Dolidze, Permanent Representative of Georgia to the UN Office and other International Organizations in Geneva

13:35 Introduction to the peer review exercise at the Richard Lugar Center
Prof. Paata Imnadze, Head of the Lugar Center for Public Health Research

13:55 Report from the team leader of the visiting expert team
Kathryn Tham Bee Lin, Senior Research Officer, Science and Technology Research Institute for Defence, Ministry of Defense Malaysia

14:10 Report from the civil society observer
Dr. Filippa Lentzos, Senior Research Fellow, King’s College London

14:25 Outlook on EU support to BTWC, in particular voluntary peer review exercises
Dr. Emil Kazakov, International Relations Officer, European External Action Service

14:35 Q&A