

**MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE
CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE
DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF
BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) AND TOXIN
WEAPONS AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

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To the Permanent Representatives in Geneva of the
States Parties and Signatories to the Convention on the Prohibition
of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological
(Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction

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**BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION: DATES FOR THE BWC MEETINGS IN
2018 AND NEW OFFICES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT UNIT**

Excellency,

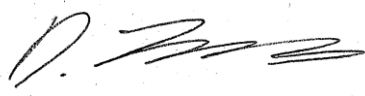
The 2017 Meeting of States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) reached consensus on an intersessional programme from 2018 to 2020. This programme involves twelve days of meetings each year from 2018 to 2020. The Meetings of Experts for eight days will be held back to back and at least three months before the annual Meetings of States Parties of four days each.

Following consultations with the Depositary Governments, and with a view to the calendar of conferences and meetings taking place in 2018 at the United Nations Office at Geneva, the Implementation Support Unit would like to inform all States Parties that these meetings will take place on the following dates:

- 7-8 August 2018: MX1 - Cooperation and Assistance, with a Particular Focus on Strengthening Cooperation and Assistance under Article X
- 9-10 August 2018: MX2 - Review of Developments in the Field of Science and Technology Related to the Convention
- 13 August 2018: MX3 - Strengthening National Implementation
- 14-15 August 2018: MX4 - Assistance, Response and Preparedness
- 16 August 2018: MX5 - Institutional Strengthening of the Convention
- 4-7 December 2018: Meeting of States Parties

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that the Implementation Support Unit has moved offices within the Palais des Nations. We are now located on the first floor above Door C6 in rooms C.111 and C.127. Please update your records accordingly. All other contact details (e-mail addresses, telephone numbers etc) remain the same.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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