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To the Permanent Representatives 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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### **BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION: CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES**

Excellency,

In accordance with the decision of the Sixth Review Conference of the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC), I am writing to remind you formally that the deadline for the submission of the annual Confidence-Building Measures (CBMs) is approaching. I am pleased to inform you that 2016 and 2017 saw the highest and second highest ever number of CBMs submitted with a total of 82 and 75 reports received respectively.

According to the decisions of past BWC review conferences, CBMs are to be submitted, using the agreed forms, to the BWC Implementation Support Unit (ISU) no later than 15 April each year. The Second Review Conference in 1986 agreed that States Parties are to implement the CBMs and subsequent review conferences have urged and called upon all States Parties to participate annually in the CBMs. In addition, resolutions adopted by the United Nations General Assembly have called upon all States Parties to participate.

The information to be provided should cover the previous calendar year. Your CBM covering calendar year 2017 should therefore be submitted to the ISU **no later than 15 April 2018**. CBMs can be submitted in hard copy to the address below, or in electronic format to the e-mail address above. CBMs will be posted on the restricted area of the BWC website. It is also possible for CBMs to be posted on the public BWC website and States Parties wishing to do so are requested to inform the ISU when submitting their CBM.

Annexed to this letter is general summary information about CBM submissions since 1987. Similar information was contained in the report of the ISU submitted to the Preparatory Committee for the Eighth Review Conference in 2016 (see BWC/CONF.VIII/PC/3 and Amend.1). As you can see, many States Parties have never submitted CBMs, or have done so irregularly. I would therefore like to recall that the ISU is available to answer any enquiries about the CBMs from States Parties, and to help obtain any assistance that States Parties might require for preparing the CBMs. Please do not hesitate to contact the ISU to discuss any aspect of the CBM process.

In addition, Canada, Cuba, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America have offered assistance in the compilation and submission of CBMs. Details of these offers are listed in the Cooperation and Assistance Database at <http://www.unog.ch/bwc/database>. We would also like to be informed of any technical difficulties experienced by States Parties in completing full and timely CBM submissions.

More information on the CBMs, including the necessary forms, can be found at <http://www.unog.ch/bwc/cbms> In particular, I would like to draw your attention to the revised **Guide to Participating in the Confidence-building Measures**, prepared by the ISU with the support of the European Union, which is available in all official languages at the same address.

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



Daniel Feakes  
Chief, Implementation Support Unit

Annex: Summary table of CBM submissions 1987-2017





	State Party	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17			
51	Equatorial Guinea																																	0	
52	Estonia								1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	22	
53	Ethiopia																									1									1
54	Fiji								1	1	1	1																							4
55	Finland	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	
56	France			1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27	
57	Gabon																																1		1
58	Gambia																									1									2
59	Georgia														1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	
60	Germany	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	
61	Ghana																																		0
62	Greece				1	1			1	1										1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	
63	Grenada																			1															1
64	Guatemala																																		0
65	Guinea																																		0
66	Guinea-Bissau																																		0
67	Guyana																																		0
68	Holy See																																		0
69	Honduras																																		0
70	Hungary	1				1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	
71	Iceland							1	1																										2
72	India											1											1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
73	Indonesia																							1	1	1					1				4
74	Iran (Islamic Republic of)												1	1			1				1	1	1	1	1	1						1		10	
75	Iraq							1		1	1	1												1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14
76	Ireland		1		1	1		1		1	1	1					1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1	1	1	19	

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77	Italy			1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	28
78	Jamaica																								1									1
79	Japan		1			1	1	1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	26
80	Jordan						1			1	1											1		1				1	1	1	1	1	1	10
81	Kazakhstan																						1			1				1	1	1	1	5
82	Kenya																								1	1	1		1	1	1			6
83	Kuwait										1																							1
84	Kyrgyzstan							1														1							1	1		1		5
85	Lao People's Democratic Republic									1																								1
86	Latvia																1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
87	Lebanon																					1	1	1	1		1		1		1			7
88	Lesotho																																	0
89	Liberia																																	0
90	Libya																			1	1	1	1		1		1	1	1					8
91	Liechtenstein															1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15
92	Lithuania														1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18
93	Luxembourg								1		1	1	1							1	1	1			1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	14
94	Madagascar																										1					1		2
95	Malawi																														1			1
96	Malaysia																				1				1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
97	Maldives																																	0
98	Mali												1																					1
99	Malta						1		1	1	1		1		1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20
100	Marshall Islands																																	0
101	Mauritania																																	0
102	Mauritius																		1	1	1	1	1	1						1	1			8







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155	Swaziland																																	0
156	Sweden	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	29
157	Switzerland		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30
158	Tajikistan																									1								1
159	Thailand				1		1																1		1	1	1	1	1		1	1		10
160	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia					1	1																		1									3
161	Timor-Leste																																	0
162	Togo		1																															1
163	Tonga																																	0
164	Trinidad and Tobago																																	0
165	Tunisia						1								1						1	1		1	1	1								7
166	Turkey					1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25
167	Turkmenistan																			1								1						2
168	Uganda										1																							1
169	Ukraine						1	1		1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23
170	United Arab Emirates																									1						1	1	3
171	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31
172	United States of America	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31
173	Uruguay																																	0
174	Uzbekistan												1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	18	
175	Vanuatu																																	0
176	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)																																	0
177	Viet Nam																																	0
178	Yemen																									1		1	1					3
179	Zambia																																	0
180	Zimbabwe																											1						1
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