

**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, Signatories and States not party 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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I am writing with regard to the Sponsorship Programme under the Biological Weapons
Convention (BWC). As you will be aware, the Sponsorship Programme was established by
the Seventh Review Conference in 2011 in order to support and increase the participation of
developing States Parties in the meetings of the BWC intersessional programme.

The Seventh Review Conference affirmed that “Priority for sponsorship will be given to
those States Parties which have previously not participated in the meetings, or have been
unable to regularly send experts from capital.” Sponsorship may also be provided, depending
on the availability of resources, to enhance participation of States not party in order to
promote universalization of the Convention. More information about the Sponsorship
Programme is available at www.unog.ch/bwc/sponsorship

The Sponsorship Programme is administered by the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) in
consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Meeting of States Parties, and is funded
through voluntary contributions from States Parties. So far in 2015, voluntary contributions
have been received from Australia, Finland and the Netherlands.

The next BWC meeting, the Meeting of States Parties, will take place in Geneva from 14-18
December. In order for applications for sponsorship to attend this meeting to be processed as
efficiently as possible, the ISU needs to receive all such application by no later than
25 September 2015. Applications for sponsorship should be submitted to the ISU using the
form available on the webpage given above. As funding is limited, not all applications will be
able to be supported.

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



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