Welcome to the official launch of the Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit

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Palais des Nations, Geneva
So what has changed since 1952?
Biodefence is more sophisticated...
But so are bioterrorists

Don’t try this at home!
National measures are still important

Biosecurity

Public health

Disease surveillance

Education and awareness

Export controls

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But the big change since 1952:

The Biological Weapons Convention

- Total ban on biological and toxin weapons
- 158 States Parties

AND...

The Implementation Support Unit!
### Millett’s Law of Proportional WMD Prevention

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The ISU: helping States Parties help themselves

- Facilitating communication, focusing efforts, coordinating action, making connections; or…
- You do the work – we take the credit
- Early results:
  - Universality: 4 new States Parties in 2007
  - CBMs: record number of submissions in 2007
So the ISU will help…

But what do States Parties need to do?
Nominate your national contact point...
Persuade others to join the BWC...
Submit your CBM...

(Don’t worry: it’s not that bad. The ISU can help!)
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And above all…

Don’t listen to scare-talk, rumours and myths…
Working together, we can successfully combat biological weapons

Thank you!