

**EIGHTH REVIEW CONFERENCE 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 –
PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE EIGHTH REVIEW CONFERENCE**

Excellency,

The Preparatory Committee for the Eighth Review Conference of the Biological Weapons Convention will be held in the Palais des Nations for up to two days from 26 to 27 April 2016 and will resume its work from 8 to 12 August 2016. I would hereby like to inform you of the practical arrangements for the meeting that will take place in April.

The Preparatory Committee is open to all States Parties and Signatories to the BWC. It will commence at 10:00 on Tuesday 26 April in Conference Room XVIII (E Building, 1st floor, Door 40).

Formal credentials are **not** required for the Preparatory Committee. States Parties and Signatories are requested to simply register their participation by letter or note verbale addressed to the Implementation Support Unit, listing the details of their delegation as they would like it to appear in the official List of Participants. Please identify clearly the head of delegation. To avoid delays, I would kindly request delegations to register **no later than 8 April 2016**.

Any delegation members who require a security identification badge for access to the Palais des Nations (i.e. those who are **not** mission staff or others having long-term UN security badges) will collect their access badge at the Pregny Gate, if they have been properly listed in the note verbale. Please note that the registration form to request a badge to access the Palais des Nations is no longer required. Identification badges will be available for collection from the Pass and Identification Unit at the Pregny Gate from 2:00 pm on Friday 22 April 2016. You are advised to come to the Pregny Gate well in advance to allow enough time to collect your badge.

States Parties intending to submit official documents to the Preparatory Committee are encouraged to do so as soon as possible in order that the documents are processed and made available to all participants in good time. Any State wishing to organize a side event during the meeting should contact the Implementation Support Unit to discuss the details.

Detailed information on registration is provided in the attached Aide-Mémoire. Please review this document carefully prior to registration. Further information and official documents for the Preparatory Committee can be obtained on the BWC website, <http://www.unog.ch/bwc/meeting>. Any queries can be directed to me at tel: 022 917 2230, or e-mail: bwc@unog.ch

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



Daniel Feakes
Chief, BWC Implementation Support Unit

Attachments:

- 1) Aide-Mémoire for States parties, observer States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations.