BWC MSP2019 – Switzerland: Elements for MX 1 discussion

- We thank the MX 1 chair for all his efforts and the documents he submitted as well as for his presentation today. Switzerland welcomes his reflections on how to assist the MSP in developing consensus outcomes on Art. X based on our discussions in August.
- Let me highlight some points from our discussions during MX 1.
- Concerning the Cooperation Database, a number of practical and readily implementable measures have been identified to strengthen this instrument. We see value in taking proposals in this area forward.
- In particular, we support the proposal of including offers from inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations in the database. This would produce a useful overview of the offers and demands from all relevant actors.
- Also, strengthening the ISU could be examined further, including in the field of article X the idea of a Cooperation and Assistance Officer in charge for capacity building.
- Furthermore, we see benefits in strengthening our cooperation with industry, as innovations in biotechnology and global health are primarily made in the private sector. We support the steps outlined that States Parties could take to create national environments conducive to such partnerships.
- We furthermore highlight the importance of innovative public-private partnerships such as the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) as presented during the Meeting of Experts in 2018. These initiatives provide useful examples for collaboration between developing and developed states and with international organizations, NGOs, academia and industry, to address particular gaps and needs in cooperation and assistance under Article X.