

**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 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 – MEETING OF EXPERTS

Excellency,

The BWC Meeting of Experts will be held at the Palais des Nations from 10 to 14 August 2015. I would like to inform you of the practical arrangements for the meeting.

The Meeting is open to all States Parties and Signatories to the BWC. It will commence at **10:00 on Monday 10 August in Conference Room XVIII** (E Building, 1st floor, Door 40).

Formal credentials are **not** required for the Meeting of Experts. States Parties and Signatories are requested to 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 24 July 2015**.

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 of the Palais des Nations from **12:00 on Friday 7 August 2015**. You are advised to come to the Pregny Gate well in advance to allow enough time to Security to proceed with your badge.

States intending to submit official documents to the Meeting of Experts 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 of Experts should contact the Implementation Support Unit to discuss the details. A poster session is planned for Monday 10 August and further information is available at www.unog.ch/bwc/meeting

Detailed information on registration is provided in the Aide-Mémoire enclosed hereby. Please review this document carefully prior to registration. Further information and official documents for the Meeting of Experts can be obtained on the BWC website, <http://www.unog.ch/bwc/meeting>. Any queries can be directed to Mr. Daniel Feakes, Chief, BWC Implementation Support Unit at tel: 022 917 2230, fax: 022 917 0483, 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.