

**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 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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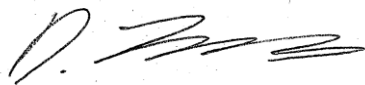
**VICE-CHAIRS OF THE 2018 MEETING OF STATES PARTIES TO THE
BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION**

Excellency,

I am writing with reference to my letter of 20 July 2018 concerning the nomination of the Vice-Chairs of the 2018 Meeting of States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention. As you will recall, Ms. Arline Diaz Mendoza, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations was nominated by the Group of the Non-Aligned Movement and Other States to the BWC, and Ambassador Alice Guitton, Permanent Representative of France to the Conference on Disarmament, was nominated by the Western Group.

Since no objections to the nomination of Ambassador Guitton have been received, her appointment is officially confirmed, with effect from today, Monday, 30 July 2018. With regard to the nomination of Ms. Diaz Mendoza by the Group of the Non-Aligned Movement and Other States to the BWC, an objection was received so consensus has not been reached on this nomination.

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



Daniel Feakes
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