

**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  
to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development,  
Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological  
(Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction

3 August 2018

**CHAIRPERSON OF THE 2018 BWC MEETING OF EXPERTS ON SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY (MX2)**

Excellency,

As you will recall, the 2017 Meeting of States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention decided that, in 2018, 2019 and 2020, States Parties will meet every year for five Meetings of Experts and a Meeting of States Parties. As announced in the letter from the Implementation Support Unit dated 23 January 2018, the Meetings of Experts in 2018 will meet as follows:

- 7-8 August 2018: MX1 - Cooperation and Assistance, with a Particular Focus on Strengthening Cooperation and Assistance under Article X  
9-10 August 2018: MX2 - Review of Developments in the Field of Science and Technology Related to the Convention  
13 August 2018: MX3 - Strengthening National Implementation  
14-15 August 2018: MX4 - Assistance, Response and Preparedness  
16 August 2018: MX5 - Institutional Strengthening of the Convention

As also agreed by the 2017 Meeting of States Parties, MX 1 and MX2 will be chaired by a representative of the Group of the Non-Aligned Movement and Other States, MX3 and MX4 will be chaired by a representative of the Western Group and MX5 will be chaired by a representative of the Eastern European Group.

In this regard, the Coordinator of the Group of the Non-Aligned Movement and Other States, the delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, has informed the Implementation Support Unit that the Group has nominated the Minister Counsellor of the Special Representation of Brazil to the Conference on Disarmament, **Mr. Pedro Luiz Dalcero**, as Chairperson of MX2 in 2018.

If you have any objection to the appointment of Mr. Pedro Luiz Dalcero as Chairperson of MX2, please inform me in writing by **noon on Tuesday, 7 August 2018**. If no State Party has objected by this date, I will notify all States Parties that the appointment is officially confirmed with effect from then. This shorter than usual deadline is necessitated by the need

to have the Chair confirmed before MX2 begins on 9 August. It is an exceptional measure and does not set a precedent.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Feakes', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Daniel Feakes  
Chief, BWC Implementation Support Unit