

**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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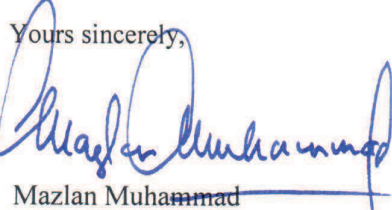
**BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION: 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENT**

26 March 2015 sees the 40th anniversary of the entry into force of the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC). The BWC was the first international treaty to effectively prohibit an entire class of weapons of mass destruction. In order to mark this important occasion, in my capacity as Chairman of the 2015 BWC meetings, I would like to invite you to attend a commemorative event that will take place in Geneva from 11:00 to 13:00 on Monday 30 March 2015.

The event, which is being organized by the BWC Implementation Support Unit (ISU) with assistance of my office and the Depositary Governments of the BWC, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, will take place in the Council Chamber of the Palais des Nations. This venue has historical significance as it is the room in which the BWC was negotiated by the Committee of the Conference on Disarmament before being finalized in 1971. Refreshments and lunch will be provided and a programme will be posted shortly on the BWC website at [www.unog.ch/bwc/bwc40](http://www.unog.ch/bwc/bwc40)

If you would like to attend the commemoration, please RSVP to [bwc@unog.ch](mailto:bwc@unog.ch) by 25 March 2015. Attendees without passes to access the Palais des Nations will need to complete the attached registration form in order to be cleared through UN security.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you of a seminar and reception after the commemoration that is being organized from 14:00 to 17:00 on 30 March, with the support of the United Kingdom, by the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) of the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies, the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) and the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR). Invitations and further details will be circulated by the organizers.

Yours sincerely,  


Mazlan Muhammad  
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of  
Malaysia to the UN and other International  
Organisations  
Chairman of the BWC Meeting of States  
Parties



**BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION**  
**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration**  
**30 March 2015**  
**The Council Chamber**  
**Palais des Nations, Geneva**

**Conference Registration Form**

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**Biological Weapons Convention 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration**

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