

**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, Signatories and States not Party to the Convention on the Prohibition
of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological
(Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction

12 March 2015

Excellency,

BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION: 40TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

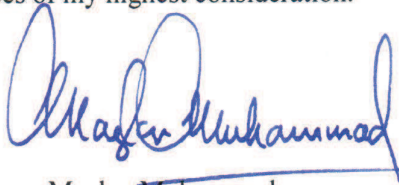
26 March 2015 sees the 40th anniversary of the entry into force of the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC). The BWC was the first international treaty to effectively prohibit an entire class of weapons of mass destruction. In order to mark this important occasion, in my capacity as Chairman of the 2015 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

If you would like to attend the commemoration, please RSVP to 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.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mazlan Muhammad', with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

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
40th Anniversary Commemoration
30 March 2015
The Council Chamber
Palais des Nations, Geneva

Conference Registration Form

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Biological Weapons Convention 40th Anniversary Commemoration

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Mrs. ☐ Mr. ☐ Ms. ☐ Family Name: _____ First Name: _____

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