

**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

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**WORKSHOP – AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION**

Excellency,

On Monday 3 August, the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) of the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) and the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) will organize a half-day workshop on the BWC. The workshop is aimed at national delegates based in Geneva who will be participating in this year's BWC meetings who are either new to Geneva or who are less familiar with the BWC and its implementation. The workshop is modelled on similar events co-organized by the ISU that took place in previous years.

The BWC Meeting of Experts takes place the week following the workshop, from 10-14 August, and the BWC Meeting of States Parties takes place from 14-18 December.

The workshop will involve presentations by staff from the ISU, as well as by local experts on the implementation of the BWC. The objective of the workshop is to enhance delegates' understanding of the BWC and its operation in order to contribute to increased effective participation in BWC meetings.

The workshop will last for half-a-day (conducted in English in the morning from 10:00 to 13:00 and re-conducted in French in the afternoon from 14:00 to 17:00). A programme will soon be posted on the BWC website ([www.unog.ch/bwc](http://www.unog.ch/bwc)).

The workshop will take place at the following address:

Geneva Centre for Security Policy  
Maison de la paix  
Chemin Eugene-Rigot 2D  
P.O. Box 1295  
CH - 1211 Geneva 1

A map and directions are available at <http://www.gcsp.ch/Map>

Delegations wishing to send participants to the workshop should register by sending an e-mail to [bwc@unog.ch](mailto:bwc@unog.ch) stating the name(s) of the participants and whether they would like to attend the English or French language workshop.

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



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