

**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 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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BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION – MEETING OF EXPERTS

Excellency,

The BWC Meeting of Experts will be held at the Palais des Nations from 24-28 August 2009. I would like to inform you of the practical arrangements for the meeting.

The Meeting is open to all States Parties and signatories to the Biological Weapons Convention. It will commence at **10:00 on Monday 24 August in Conference Room XIX** (Building E, 3rd floor, Door 40).

Formal credentials are **not** required for the Meeting of Experts. States Parties and signatories are requested to **register their participation by letter or note verbale**, listing the details of their delegation as they would like it to appear in the official List of Participants. Please identify clearly the head of delegation. Any delegation members who require a security identification badge for access to the Palais (i.e. those who are **not** mission staff or others having long-term UN security badges) should also complete the **online registration form** available at <http://www.unog.ch/bwc/meeting>. To avoid delays, I would request delegations to register **no later than 17 August 2009**.

Identification badges will be available for collection from the Pass and Identification Unit at the Pregny Gate of the Palais des Nations from Friday 21 August.

Further information and official documents for the Meeting of Experts can be obtained on the BWC website, **<http://www.unog.ch/bwc/meeting>**. Any queries can be directed to me at tel: 022 917 2230, fax: 022 917 0483, or e-mail: bwc@unog.ch.

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

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