

**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: OFFICE-HOLDERS FOR THE 2017
MEETING OF STATES PARTIES**

Excellency,

The Eighth BWC Review Conference decided that the Meeting of States Parties in December 2017 will be chaired by a representative of the Group of the Non-Aligned Movement and Other States. The Review Conference also decided that the Chair will be supported by two vice-chairs, one from each of the other two regional groups.

The Coordinator of the Eastern European Group, the delegation of Latvia, has informed the ISU that the Group has nominated Ambassador Fedor Rosocha of Slovakia as one vice-chair. The Coordinator of the Western Group, the delegation of Australia, has informed the ISU that the Group has nominated Ambassador Michael Biontino of Germany as the other vice-chair.

The Coordinator of the Group of the Non-aligned Movement and Other States, the delegation of Venezuela, has informed the ISU that consultations are ongoing regarding the nomination of the Chairman. When the ISU receives the nomination from the Group of the Non-aligned Movement and Other States, it will circulate a letter to enable the formal confirmation of the nominated individuals.

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



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