

**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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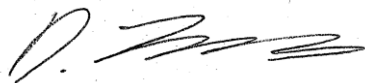
**BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION: INFORMAL MEETING TO DISCUSS
ORGANISATIONAL ISSUES FOR THE 2017 MEETING OF STATES PARTIES TO
THE BWC**

Excellency,

I am writing to inform you of a communication received today from the Depositary States of the Biological Weapons Convention, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America. The Depositaries requested me to circulate the information below to all participating States.

In the absence of the nomination and appointment of a Chair for the 2017 Meeting of States Parties to the Convention, the Depositary States will convene **on Friday 23 June at 15:00 in Room VII, Palais des Nations** a second informal meeting open to all States participating in the work of the Convention to discuss organisational issues for the 2017 Meeting of States Parties.

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



Daniel Feakes
Chief, BWC Implementation Support Unit