

**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 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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**CHAIRPERSON OF THE 2018 MEETING OF STATES PARTIES TO THE  
BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION**

Excellency,

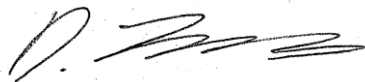
The Eighth BWC Review Conference decided that the 2018 Meeting of States Parties will be chaired by a representative of the Eastern European Group of States Parties to the BWC.

The Coordinator of the Eastern European Group, the delegation of Lithuania, has informed the ISU that the Group has nominated the Chargé d'affaires of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, **Mr. Ljupco Gjorgjinski**, as Chairperson of the 2018 Meeting of States Parties.

As you will recall, the Eighth Review Conference also decided that the Chairperson will be supported by two Vice-Chairs, one from each of the other two regional groups. The nominations of the Vice-Chairs will be announced shortly.

If you have any objection to the appointment of Mr. Ljupco Gjorgjinski as Chairperson, please inform me in writing by **Wednesday 31 January 2018**. If no State Party has objected by this date, I will notify all States Parties that the appointment is officially confirmed with effect from Thursday 1 February 2018.

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



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