

# **PROPOSALS TO ENHANCE CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES PARTICIPATION**

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# WHAT ARE CBMs?

- Confidence Building Measures (CBMs) were introduced at the BWC Second Review Conference (1986).
- The BWC Second Review Conference decided by consensus that “the States Parties are to implement, on the basis of mutual co-operation, the Confidence Building Measures”.
- BWC States Parties agreed to the exchange of CBMs
  - “in order to prevent or reduce the occurrence of ambiguities, doubts and suspicions
  - and in order to improve international cooperation in the field of peaceful biological activities”.



GUIDE TO PARTICIPATING IN THE  
CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES  
OF THE BIOLOGICAL  
WEAPONS CONVENTION

Revised Edition (2015)



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# CBM Forms

<b>CBM A:</b>	Part 1: Exchange of data on research centres and laboratories; Part 2: Exchange of information on national biological defence research and development programmes.
<b>CBM B:</b>	Exchange of information on outbreaks of infectious diseases and similar occurrences caused by toxins.
<b>CBM C:</b>	Encouragement of publication of results and promotion of use of knowledge.
<b>CBM E:</b>	Declaration of legislation, regulations and other measures.
<b>CBM F:</b>	Declaration of past activities in offensive and/or defensive biological research and development programmes.
<b>CBM G:</b>	Declaration of vaccine production facilities.
<b>CBM D:</b>	Deleted by the BWC 7 <sup>th</sup> Review Conference in 2011.

# BENEFITS OF CBM PARTICIPATION

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Contribute to the creation of an atmosphere of transparency and trust

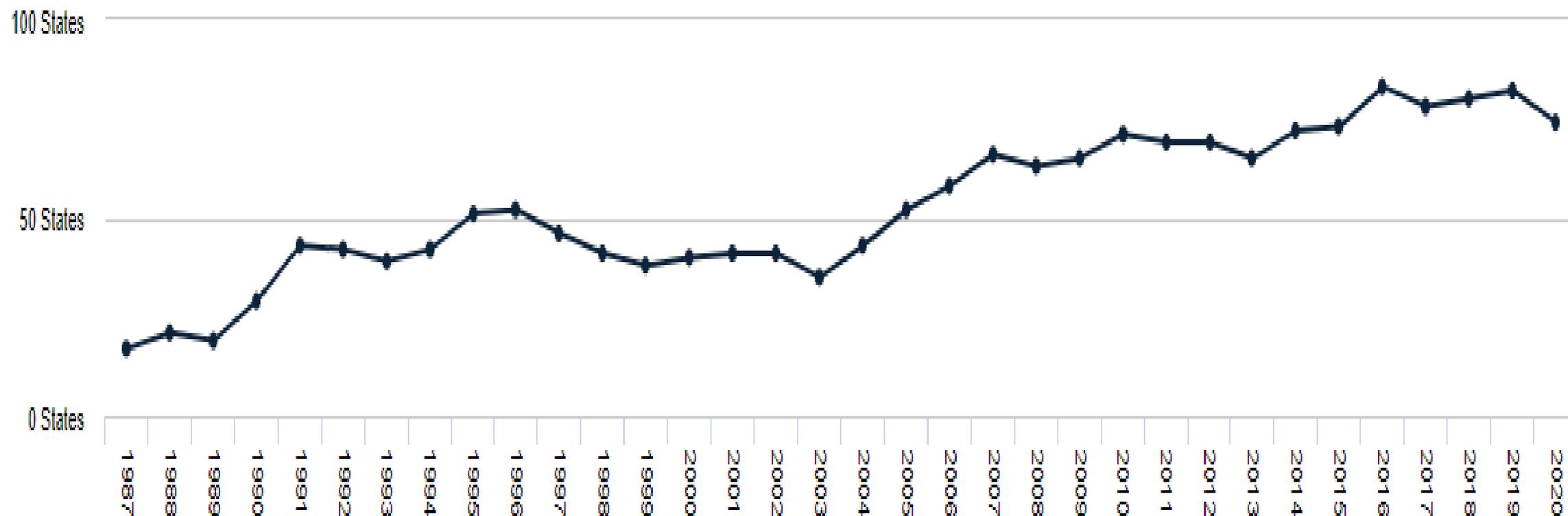
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Help States Parties to participate in the peaceful use of biological agents and toxins

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Provide valuable information on opportunities for cooperation and assistance

## Overall rate of CBM Report submissions



Source: <https://bwc-ecbm.unog.ch/>

## **NETWORKING AMONG DOMESTIC AGENCIES**

- Enhance mutual understanding and building confidence with domestic stakeholders in the initial years of their CBM participation
  - Establish a list of all relevant government agencies;
  - Foster and maintain the necessary close linkages with BWC focal points from other ministries.
- Other States Parties could assist in involving domestic stakeholders in CBM implementation.

# CBM

## STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH

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Aims to introduce flexibility for each State Party in the CBM submission process, while still increasing transparency and confidence among States Parties through growing CBM participation.

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Reduces the burden on States Parties by allowing flexibility in the degree of their CBM participation, in the hope that over time this will encourage them to regularly submit forms.

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Submission of a single CBM form is clearly preferable to no submission.

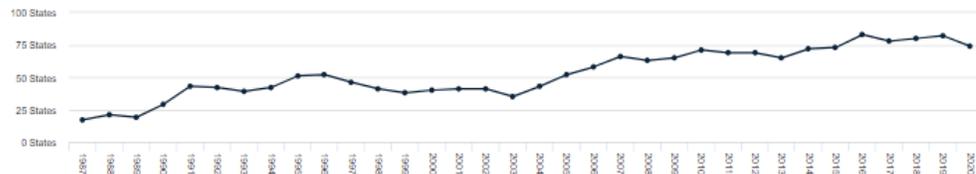
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Enable State Party to recognize and address potential challenges in the collection of relevant information and openly communicate those to other States Parties, so that those in a position to do so can provide adequate support.

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This page lists those States Parties which have submitted Confidence-Building Measure reports in accordance with decisions of BWC Review Conferences. Where States Parties have consented to their CBMs being publicly available, these can be accessed by clicking the country name.

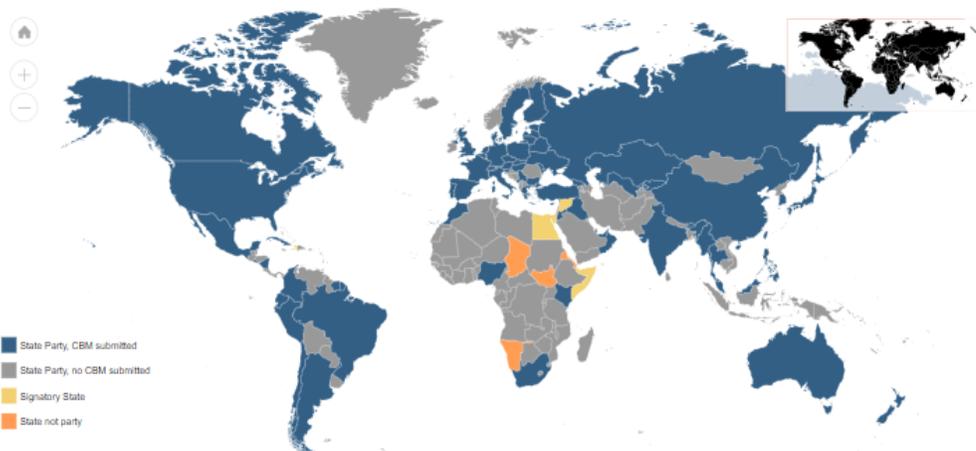
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### Submissions made by States Parties by year

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2020 ▾



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Total: 74 States Parties

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# ELECTRONIC CBM SUBMISSION PLATFORM

<https://bwc-ecbm.unog.ch/>

BWC Electronic Confidence Building Measures Portal

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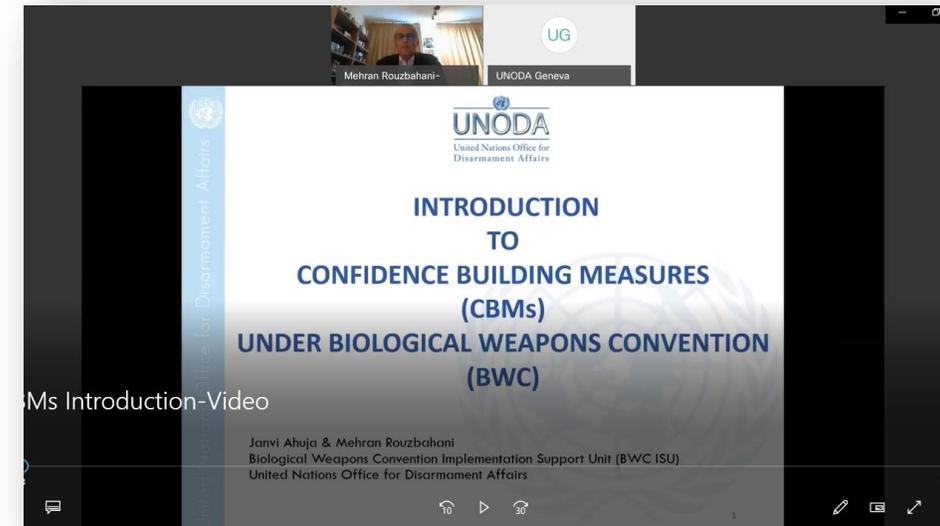
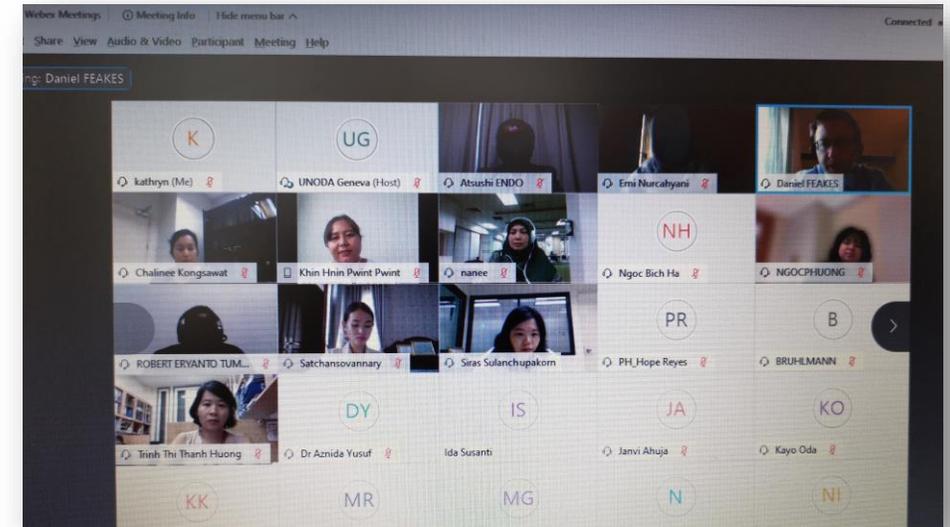
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- Organized by the BWC ISU.
- Supported by the Government of Japan through a voluntary contribution provided to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA).
- Aim to impart practical information, skills and guidance pertaining to the roles and responsibilities of NCPs and best practices in developing legislation, action plans, and preparing CBMs.
- Served as a forum for discussions, information exchange and sharing of experiences among participants, and updated the NCPs on opportunities for cooperation and assistance.



# CONCLUSION

- CBMs play an important role in reinforcing the BWC regime and fostering trust and transparency between its States Parties.
- All States Parties are encouraged to explore the ideas put forward in the working paper in order to make progress towards the goal of full and complete CBM participation.

# THANK YOU

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