

Biological Weapons Convention

Meeting of Experts on Cooperation and Assistance, with a Particular Focus on Strengthening Cooperation and Assistance Under Article X (MX1)¹

30-31 August 2021

Day	Session
Mon, 30 Aug	AM (10:00 – 13:00)
	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 1: Opening of the Meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remarks by the Chair, Mr. Kimmo Laukkanen of Finland <p><u>AGENDA ITEM 2: Adoption of the agenda</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BWC/MSP/2020/MX.1/1 <p><u>AGENDA ITEM 3: Adoption of the rules of procedure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BWC/CONF.VIII/2 <p><u>AGENDA ITEM 4: Consideration of the reports of the States Parties on their full and comprehensive implementation of all provisions of Article X</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update by the Implementation Support Unit• BWC/MSP/2020/MX.1/WP.1 - Report on Implementation of Article X of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention - Submitted by the USA• Interventions by States Parties• Interactive discussion <p><u>AGENDA ITEM 5: Review of the report by the ISU on the operation of the assistance and cooperation database established by the Seventh Review Conference and renewed by the Eighth Review Conference and consideration of its further operationalization, including measures to further strengthen the operation of the database, including in the light of BWC/MSP/2017/4</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update by the Implementation Support Unit• Interventions by States Parties• Interactive discussion
	PM (15:00 – 18:00)
	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 6: Identification of challenges and obstacles to developing international cooperation, assistance and exchange in the biological sciences and technology, including equipment and material, for peaceful purposes to their full potential, and possible ways and means of overcoming these</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BWC/MSP/2020/MX.1/WP.2 - What constitutes assistance and cooperation under Article X? - submitted by the UK• Interventions by States Parties• Interactive discussion

¹ This is an indicative listing and will be updated as additional working papers are submitted and requests for technical presentations are received. States Parties can of course request to take the floor under any agenda item. Those wishing to do so, particularly if intending to deliver a technical presentation, should contact the ISU as soon as possible so that the appropriate arrangements can be made. The Chairperson intends to move on to the next agenda item as soon as discussions on the previous item have been exhausted.

	<p><u><i>AGENDA ITEM 7: Development of guidelines and procedures for mobilizing resources, including financial resources on a voluntary basis to address gaps and needs</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BWC/MSP/2020/MX.1/WP.4 - Contributions to the global response to the COVID-19 pandemic - submitted by the USA • BWC/MSP/2020/MX.1/WP.5 - Pandemia as catalyst to enhance cooperation and assistance? Germany’s continued implementation of Article X under the special circumstances of COVID-19 – Submitted by Germany • Interventions by States Parties • Interactive discussion <p><u><i>AGENDA ITEM 8: Facilitation of education, training, exchange and twinning programmes and other means of developing human resources in biological sciences and technology related to implementation of the Convention, particularly in developing countries</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical presentation by Ms. Mayra Ameneiros, alumna of the 2021 “Youth for Biosecurity” workshop • Interventions by States Parties • Interactive discussion
Tue, 31 Jul	<p style="background-color: #e0e0e0;">AM (10:00 – 13:00)</p> <p><u><i>AGENDA ITEM 9: Promotion of capacity building, through international cooperation, in biosafety and biosecurity and for detecting, reporting and responding to outbreaks of infectious disease or biological weapons attacks, including in the areas of preparedness, response, and crisis management and mitigation</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BWC/MSP/2020/MX.1/WP.3 - Proposal for establishment of an international platform dedicated to biosecurity and biosafety: SecBio - submitted by France • Technical presentation by the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) • Interventions by States Parties • Interactive discussion <p style="background-color: #e0e0e0;">PM (15:00 – 18:00)</p> <p><u><i>AGENDA ITEM 10: Collaboration with international organizations and networks related to combating infectious diseases at all levels, as well as regional and sub-regional cooperation to promote implementation of all articles of the Convention</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical presentation by the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) • Technical presentation by Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) • Interventions by States Parties • Interactive discussion <p><u><i>AGENDA ITEM 11: Adoption of the factual report reflecting the deliberations of the Meeting, including possible outcomes</i></u></p> <p><u><i>AGENDA ITEM 12: Closing of the Meeting</i></u></p>

