

Biological Weapons Convention

Meeting of Experts on Review of Developments in the Field of Science and Technology Related to the Convention (MX2)¹

1 and 2 September 2021

Day	Session
Wed, 1 Sept	<p>AM (10:00 – 13:00)</p> <p><u>AGENDA ITEM 1: Opening of the Meeting</u> Remarks by the Chair, Mr. Kazuhiro Nakai of Japan</p> <p><u>AGENDA ITEM 2: Adoption of the agenda</u> BWC/MSP/2020/MX.2/1</p> <p><u>AGENDA ITEM 3: Adoption of the rules of procedure</u> BWC/CONF.VIII/2</p> <p><u>AGENDA ITEM 4: Review of science and technology developments relevant to the Convention, including for the enhanced implementation of all articles of the Convention as well as the identification of potential benefits and risks of new science and technology developments relevant to the Convention, with a particular attention to positive implications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BWC/MSP/2020/MX.2/WP.4 – Strengthening the Biological Weapons Convention Proposal for the establishment of a Scientific Advisory Committee – Submitted by the Russian Federation• BWC/MSP/2020/MX.2/WP.5 - Exploring Science and Technology Review Mechanisms under the Biological Weapons Convention – Submitted by Germany and UNIDIR• Technical presentation by Mr. James Reville, UNIDIR• BWC/MSP/2020/MX.2/WP.7 - A Scientific and Technological Advisory Process for the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention - Submitted by the USA• Guest of the Meeting: Ms. Jenifer Mackby, Federation of American Scientists• BWC/MSP/2020/MX.2/WP.10 - Managing Biosafety and Biosecurity Risks: The Importance of Codes of Conduct and a BTWC Science and Technology Advisory Process – Submitted by Switzerland• BWC/MSP/2020/MX.2/WP.11 - Review Process of Sciences and Technology Developments relevant to the BWC Convention: Some Considerations – Submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran• BWC/MSP/2020/MX.2/WP.9 - Benefits of science and technology developments for the global COVID-19 response - Submitted by the USA• BWC/MSP/2020/MX.2/WP.12 - Examen de los adelantos en la esfera de la

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>ciencia y la tecnología relacionados con la convención – Presentado por Cuba</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical presentation by Mr. Pascal Boireau, France • Technical presentation by Dr. Atanasu Basu, India • Interventions by States Parties • Interactive discussion
	<p>PM (15:00 – 18:00)</p> <p><u>AGENDA ITEM 5: Biological risk assessment and management</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BWC/MSP/2020/MX.2/WP.1 - Approaches to Governance for Scientific and Technological Advances in the Life Sciences Relevant to the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention - Submitted by the USA • BWC/MSP/2020/MX.2/WP.2 - Biorisk management standards and their role in BTWC implementation - Submitted by Austria, Belgium, Chile, France, Germany, Iraq, Ireland, Netherlands, Spain and Thailand • BWC/MSP/2020/MX.2/WP.3 – Biological Risk Assessment and Management: A need for Guiding Principles and Frameworks – Submitted by the UK • BWC/MSP/2020/MX.2/WP.8 - Summary of October 2020 Experts’ Meeting on Strengthening Laboratory Biorisk Management – Submitted by the USA • Guests of the Meeting: Mr. Yorgo El Moubayed and Mr. Piers Millett, iGEM Foundation • Technical presentation by Ms. Saskia Rutjes and Mr. Rik Bleijs, the Netherlands • Technical presentation by Mr. Kazunobu Kojima, WHO • Interventions by States Parties • Interactive discussion <p><u>AGENDA ITEM 6: Development of a voluntary model code of conduct for biological scientists and all relevant personnel, and biosecurity education, by drawing on the work already done on this issue in the context of the Convention, adaptable to national requirements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BWC/MSP/2020/MX.2/WP.6 and Corr.1 - The Tianjin Biosecurity Guidelines for Codes of Conduct for Scientists – Submitted by China and Pakistan and co-sponsored by Brazil • Guests of the Meeting: Tianjin University, Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, InterAcademy Partnership • Technical presentation by Ms. Anna Laura Ross, WHO • Interventions by States Parties • Interactive discussion
Thu, 2 Sept	<p>AM (10:00 – 13:00)</p> <p><u>AGENDA ITEM 7: Any other science and technology developments of relevance to the Convention and also to the activities of relevant multilateral organizations such as the WHO, OIE, FAO, IPPC and OPCW</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical presentation by Mr Peter Hotchkiss, OPCW • Interventions by States Parties • Interactive discussion <p>PM (15:00 – 18:00)</p>

	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 8: Adoption of the factual report reflecting the deliberations of the Meeting, including possible outcomes</u></p>
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