

Biological Weapons Convention

Meeting of Experts on Assistance, Response and Preparedness (MX4)¹

6-7 September 2021

Day	Session
Mon, 6 Sept	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, Ambassador Elena Kuzmanovska of North Macedonia <p><u>AGENDA ITEM 2: Adoption of the agenda</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BWC/MSP/2020/MX.4/1 <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: Practical challenges facing the implementation of Article VII, and possible solutions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interventions by States Parties• Interactive discussion
	PM (15:00 – 18:00)
	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 5: A set of guidelines and formats to assist a State Party, if required, when submitting an application for assistance in the framework of Article VII</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interventions by States Parties• Interactive discussion <p><u>AGENDA ITEM 6: Procedures, including the establishment and use of the assistance database, to improve the prompt and efficient response without preconditions to a request of assistance by a State Party under Article VII, and coordination and cooperation among States Parties and with relevant international and regional organizations such as World Health Organization (WHO), World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), as appropriate</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BWC/MSP/2020/MX.4/WP.3 and Corr.1 - Proposal for the establishment of a database for assistance under Article VII of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention: specific pending issues and way forward for the operationalization of the proposal – Submitted by India and France• Technical presentation by Mr. Matthew Lim, WHO• 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.

Day	Session
Tue, 7 Sept	AM (10:00 – 13:00)
	<p data-bbox="411 271 1410 371"><u>AGENDA ITEM 7: Examination of how the concept of mobile biomedical units might contribute to effective assistance, response and preparation with a view to enhancing implementation of the Convention</u></p> <ul data-bbox="459 378 1410 591" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="459 378 1410 517">• BWC/MSP/2020/MX.4/WP.2 - Strengthening the Biological Weapons Convention: Operationalising mobile biomedical units to deliver protection against biological weapons, investigate their alleged use, and to suppress epidemics of various etiology – Submitted by the Russian Federation <li data-bbox="459 524 879 553">• Interventions by States Parties <li data-bbox="459 560 772 589">• Interactive discussion <p data-bbox="411 629 1410 730"><u>AGENDA ITEM 8: Exploration of approaches by which States Parties, individually or collectively, might contribute to the strengthening of international response capabilities for infectious disease outbreaks, whether natural or deliberate in origin</u></p> <ul data-bbox="459 736 1410 1061" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="459 736 1410 837">• BWC/MSP/2020/MX.4/WP.1 - Strengthening National, Sub-Regional and International Capacities to Prepare for and Respond to the Deliberate Use of Biological Weapons”: Project update - Submitted by Japan <li data-bbox="459 844 1410 987">• BWC/MSP/2020/MX.4/WP.5 - Strengthening Capacities in Responding to and Preparing for the Deliberate Use of Biological Weapons: Lessons Learned from UNSGM Table Top Exercise 2020 and Outlook to the Capstone Field Exercise – Submitted by Germany <li data-bbox="459 994 879 1023">• Interventions by States Parties <li data-bbox="459 1030 772 1059">• Interactive discussion
	PM (15:00 – 18:00)
	<p data-bbox="411 1140 1410 1240"><u>AGENDA ITEM 9: Exploration of means to prepare for, respond to and render assistance in case of the possible hostile use of biological agents and toxins against agriculture, livestock as well as the natural environment</u></p> <ul data-bbox="459 1247 1410 1424" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="459 1247 1410 1348">• BWC/MSP/2020/MX.4/WP.4 – Lessons Learned in International Cooperation and Assistance from an Agricultural Incident – Submitted by the USA <li data-bbox="459 1355 879 1384">• Interventions by States Parties <li data-bbox="459 1391 772 1420">• Interactive discussion <p data-bbox="411 1464 1410 1532"><u>AGENDA ITEM 10: Adoption of the factual report reflecting the deliberations of the Meeting, including possible outcomes</u></p> <p data-bbox="411 1570 911 1599"><u>AGENDA ITEM 11: Closing of the Meeting</u></p>