
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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2025 Meeting

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Draft report of the 2025 Meeting of States Parties^{*,**}

I. Introduction

1. The Final Document of the Ninth Review Conference 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 (BWC/CONF.IX/9), in Section B of Part II, contained the following decisions:

“4. Reaffirming the utility of having an intersessional programme, the Conference decides that States Parties will hold annual meetings between 2023 and 2026 in Geneva, in in-person format in accordance with the regular practice under the Convention, for a duration of three days each year. The first such meeting will be held from 11 to 13 December 2023.

5. The Conference decides that the Meetings of States Parties will be responsible for managing the intersessional programme in support of the Convention, including taking necessary actions with respect to budgetary, financial and organisational matters, with a view to ensuring the proper implementation of the intersessional programme. The Meetings of the States Parties will also consider, on an annual basis, progress on universalisation of the Convention, the annual report of the Implementation Support Unit and, as appropriate, the implementation of decisions taken by the Conference.

6. The Conference decides that the 2023 Meeting of the States Parties will be chaired by a representative of the Group of the Non-Aligned Movement and Other States. The Chairperson will be supported by two Vice-Chairpersons.

7. The Tenth Review Conference will consider the work and outcomes of these meetings and decide on any further action.”

2. At the 2024 Meeting of States Parties, it was agreed that the 2025 Meeting of States Parties would take place from 15 to 17 December 2025.

3. By resolution 80/71, adopted without a vote on 1 December 2025, the General Assembly, *inter alia*, requested the Secretary-General to continue to render the necessary assistance to the depositary Governments of the Convention and to continue to provide such services as may be required for the conduct and the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the review conferences.

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II. Organization of the Meeting of States Parties

4. In accordance with the decisions of the Ninth Review Conference and the 2024 Meeting of States Parties, the 2025 Meeting of States Parties was convened from 15 to 17 December 2025 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, chaired by Ms. Clare Walsh, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations and to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva.

5. At its first meeting, on 15 December 2025, the Meeting of States Parties adopted its agenda (BWC/MSP/2025/1), as contained in Annex I to this report. The Chairperson drew the attention of delegations to three reports: a report on universalization activities (BWC/MSP/2025/3); the report of the Implementation Support Unit (BWC/MSP/2025/4); and a report on the overall financial situation of the Convention (BWC/MSP/2025/5).

6. The Meeting of States Parties was not able to adopt its programme of work (BWC/MSP/2025/2), as no consensus on this matter was reached.

7. The Meeting of States Parties was also not able to adopt its rules of procedure as contained in document BWC/CONF.IX/2, as no consensus on this matter was reached.

8. Mr. Daniel Feakes, Chief, Implementation Support Unit, served as Secretary of the Meeting of States Parties. Mr. Hermann Lampalzer, Political Affairs Officer, Implementation Support Unit, served as Deputy Secretary. Mr. Oscar Meless, Political Affairs Officer, Implementation Support Unit, Ms. Clarissa Rios Rojas, Political Affairs Officer, Implementation Support Unit, Ms. Wenjie Wang, Associate Political Affairs Officer, Implementation Support Unit and Ms. Daphne Ghazizadeh, Political Affairs Intern, Implementation Support Unit also served in the secretariat.

III. Participation at the Meeting of States Parties

9. 119 delegations participated in the Meeting of States Parties as follows: Albania; Algeria; Angola; Argentina; Armenia; Australia; Austria; Azerbaijan; Bahamas (The); Bangladesh; Belarus; Belgium; Bhutan; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Bulgaria; Burkina Faso; Cameroon; Canada; Chile; China; Colombia; Côte d'Ivoire; Croatia; Cuba; Czechia; Denmark; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Estonia; Ethiopia; Finland; France; Gambia (the); Georgia; Germany; Ghana; Greece; Holy See; Hungary; Iceland; India; Indonesia; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Iraq; Ireland; Italy; Jamaica; Japan; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Kenya; Kiribati; Kuwait; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Latvia; Lesotho; Libya; Lithuania; Malawi; Malaysia; Mali; Malta; Mauritius; Mexico; Micronesia (Federated States of); Mongolia; Montenegro; Morocco; Myanmar; Namibia; Netherlands (Kingdom of the); Nicaragua; Nigeria; North Macedonia; Norway; Oman; Pakistan; Panama; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Qatar; Republic of Korea; Republic of Moldova; Romania; Russian Federation; Samoa; San Marino; Sao Tome and Principe; Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Serbia; Sierra Leone; Singapore; Slovak Republic; Slovenia; South Africa; Spain; Sri Lanka; State of Palestine; Sweden; Switzerland; Tajikistan; Thailand; Togo; Tunisia; Türkiye; Uganda; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United States of America; Uruguay; Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of); Zambia; and Zimbabwe.

10. In addition, two States that had signed the Convention but had not yet ratified it participated in the Meeting of States Parties without taking part in the making of decisions, as provided for in rule 44, paragraph 1 of the rules of procedure: Arab Republic of Egypt; Syrian Arab Republic.

11. One State, Israel, neither party nor signatory to the Convention, applied for observer status, in accordance with rule 44, paragraph 2.

12. The United Nations, including the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs attended the Meeting of States Parties in accordance with rule 44, paragraph 3.

13. The European Union, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, the International Science and Technology Center and the World Health Organization applied for observer status, in accordance with rule 44, paragraph 4.

14. Thirty non-governmental organizations and research institutes attended the Meeting of States Parties under rule 44, paragraph 5.

15. A list of all participants in the Meeting of States Parties is contained in document BWC/MSP/2025/INF.1.

IV. Arrangements for the meetings in 2026

16. The Meeting of States Parties decided to organize in 2026, in an in-person format in accordance with the regular practice under the Convention, the following BWC-related meetings:

(a) Eighth session of the Working Group on the Strengthening of the Convention from 9 to 13 February 2026;

(b) Ninth session of the Working Group on the Strengthening of the Convention from 17 to 21 August 2026;

(c) Tenth session of the Working Group on the Strengthening of the Convention from 7 to 11 December 2026; and

(d) 2026 Meeting of States Parties from 14 to 16 December 2026.

V. Documentation

17. A list of official documents of the Meeting of States Parties, including the working papers submitted by States Parties, is contained in Annex II to this report. All documents on this list are available on the Convention's website at <https://meetings.unoda.org/bwc-msp/biological-weapons-convention-meeting-of-states-parties-2025> and through the United Nations Official Document System (ODS), at <http://documents.un.org>.

VI. Conclusion of the Meeting of States Parties

18. At its final meeting held on 15 December 2025, the Meeting of States Parties adopted its report by consensus, as contained in document BWC/MSP/2025/CRP.1, as orally amended, to be issued as document BWC/MSP/2025/6.

Annex I

Agenda of the 2025 Meeting of States Parties

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Adoption of the programme of work.
4. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
5. General debate.
6. Update by the Chairperson of the Working Group on the Strengthening of the Convention.
7. Management of the intersessional programme: Budgetary and financial matters.
8. Progress with universalization of the Convention.
9. Annual report of the Implementation Support Unit.
10. Arrangements for the meetings in 2026.
11. Adoption of the report of the meeting.
12. Closing of the meeting.

Annex II

List of documents of the 2025 Meeting of States Parties

| <i>Symbol</i> | <i>Title</i> |
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| BWC/MSP/2025/1 | Provisional agenda for the 2025 Meeting of States Parties |
| BWC/MSP/2025/2 | Provisional programme of work for the 2025 Meeting of States Parties |
| BWC/MSP/2025/3 | Report on universalization activities |
| BWC/MSP/2025/4 | Annual report of the Implementation Support Unit - Submitted by the Implementation Support Unit |
| BWC/MSP/2025/5 | Report on the Overall Financial Situation of the Biological Weapons Convention |
| BWC/MSP/2025/6 | Report of the 2025 Meeting of States Parties |
| BWC/MSP/2025/CRP.1 English only | Draft report of the 2025 Meeting of States Parties |
| BWC/MSP/2025/MISC.1 English/French/Spanish only | Provisional list of participants |
| BWC/MSP/2025/INF.1 English/French/Spanish only | List of participants |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.1 English and Russian only | Submitted by the Russian Federation |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.2 English and Russian only | Submitted by the Russian Federation |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.3 English and Russian only | Submitted by the Russian Federation |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.4 English only | Submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.5 English and French only | Submitted by African States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.6 English and Russian only | Submitted by the Kyrgyz Republic |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.7 Chinese and English only | Submitted by China and Malaysia |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.8 English only | Submitted by Ireland on behalf of Albania, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Montenegro, Netherlands (the Kingdom of), North Macedonia, Norway, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland |

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| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.9 | Submitted by the State of Palestine |
| English only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.10 | Submitted by Singapore |
| English only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.11 | Submitted by Germany |
| English only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.12 | Submitted by Australia |
| English only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.13 | Submitted by Malaysia |
| English only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.14 | Submitted by the United States of America |
| English only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.15 | Submitted by Norway |
| English only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.16 | Submitted by Thailand |
| English only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.17 | Submitted by Ukraine |
| English only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.18 | Submitted by Finland |
| English only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.19 | Submitted by the Sultanate of Oman |
| Arabic only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.20 | Submitted by Indonesia |
| English only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.21 | Submitted by Lesotho |
| English only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.22 | Submitted by Kenya |
| English only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.23 | Submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran |
| English only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.24 | Submitted by the Member States of the European Union (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden) |
| English only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.25 | Submitted by China |
| Chinese and English only | |

| <i>Symbol</i> | <i>Title</i> |
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| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.26 | Submitted by Ireland |
| English only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.27 | Submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland |
| English only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.28 | Submitted by Japan |
| English only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.29 | Submitted by the Russian Federation |
| English and Russian only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.30 | Submitted by the Russian Federation on behalf of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Burkina Faso, the Central African Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Kyrgyz Republic, the People's Republic of China, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Burundi, the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Republic of Mali, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of Nicaragua, the Republic of the Niger, the Republic of Tajikistan, the Russian Federation, the State of Eritrea |
| English and Russian only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.31 | Submitted by Uganda |
| English only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.32 | Submitted by Uganda on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and other States Parties |
| English only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.33 | Submitted by the Philippines |
| English only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.34 | Submitted by France |
| English and French only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.35 | Submitted by Nicaragua |
| Spanish only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.36 | Submitted by Armenia |
| English only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.37 | Submitted by Saudi Arabia |
| Arabic only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.38 | Submitted by Cuba |
| English and Spanish only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.39 | Submitted by Cuba |
| English and Spanish only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.40 | Submitted by Sweden |
| English only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.41 | Submitted by the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela |

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| Spanish only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.42 | Submitted by Senegal |
| French only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.43 | Submitted by Namibia |
| English only | |
| BWC/MSP/2025/WP.44 | Submitted by The Gambia |
| English only | |
