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To the Permanent Representatives in Geneva 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

**UPDATE ON THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION (BWC):
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT UNIT**

Excellency,

Further to my letter to you of 2 April 2007 on this subject, I am pleased to inform you that the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) for the Biological Weapons Convention has now been established as mandated by the Sixth Review Conference. The three staff members of the ISU have now been appointed, office facilities have been allocated, and the Unit is operational. We will soon be hosting an event to formally launch the ISU, to which we will have the honour of inviting you and your colleagues.

The details of the ISU are as follows:

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As the ISU takes up its mandated activities, there are a number of developments to bring to your attention, some of which require action on your part in accordance with the decisions of the Sixth Review Conference (the Final Document of the Conference, BWC/CONF.VI/6, is available in all languages at <http://www.unog.ch/bwc>). The Head of the ISU, Mr. Lennane, will shortly be writing to you on these matters.

I am sure you will share my satisfaction in seeing the ISU operational, and I hope you will take every opportunity to collaborate with the Unit in carrying out the decisions and recommendations of the Sixth Review Conference and improving the implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[signed]

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