

**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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To the Permanent Representatives in Geneva of the  
States Parties and Signatories 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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**BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION: CHAIRING ARRANGEMENTS**

Excellency,

Further to my letter to you of 27 February outlining my plans for the 2012 meetings of the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC), I am writing now to inform you that, regrettably, I will not be able to continue as Chairman of these meetings. My term as Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Switzerland will conclude on 31 March 2012, and I will be returning to my capital.

I would like to express my appreciation for the confidence in that you placed in my country Algeria and me by unanimously designating to the Chairmanship of the 2012 BWC Meetings.

I sincerely regret any inconvenience this may cause to delegations. To minimise any disruption to preparations for the Meeting of Experts, I would propose that we proceed in the same way we did in similar circumstances in 2010. That is, I will ask the Group of the Non-aligned Movement and Other States to endorse the nomination of my successor as Ambassador of Algeria, Mr Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Algeria, H.E.Mr Boujemâa Delmi, the current Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who is expected to take up his duties in Geneva upon my departure, as Chairman of the 2012 meetings of the BWC. Once the Group has agreed on a nomination, the Implementation Support Unit will write to all States Parties informing them of the nomination, and proposing that if no objection is received by a certain date, the nominee will be confirmed as Chairman.

I trust that this suggested procedure meets with your approval. I am sorry that I will not have the opportunity to work with you to shape the new intersessional programme, but I would like to thank you for the support and encouragement you have given me.

I hope you will work closely with the new Chairman to implement the decisions of the Seventh Review Conference and to build a successful new intersessional programme that supports the effective implementation of the BWC.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jazaïry', with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the bottom left.

Idriss Jazaïry  
Ambassador and Permanent  
Representative of Algeria  
Chairman of the Meeting of States  
Parties