

**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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**Arrangements for the Eighth Review Conference
and its Preparatory Committee in 2016**

**Estimated costs of the Preparatory Committee and Eighth
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**

Note by the Secretariat

1. By operative paragraph 10 of resolution 70/74, adopted without a vote on 7 December 2015, the General Assembly, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations to continue to render the necessary assistance to the depositary Governments of the Convention, to provide such services as may be required for the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the review conferences and to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services as may be required for the remaining meeting of States parties during the current intersessional process and for the preparation and conduct of the Eighth Review Conference.

2. This document is submitted pursuant to the above-mentioned resolution and in accordance with the decision of the Seventh Review Conference to convene the Eighth Review Conference not later than 2016.¹ Estimated costs of conference and non-conference servicing of the Review Conference and its Preparatory Committee in 2016 amount to US\$1,966,700 (including the costs of the Implementation Support Unit in 2016).² A breakdown of these costs by meeting is annexed.

3. It should be noted that the costs are estimated on the basis of past experience and anticipated workload. The actual costs will be determined after the closure of the sessions and completion of related work, with all relevant expenditures recorded in the accounts. At

* Reissued for technical reasons on 18 January 2016.

¹ See BWC/CONF.VII/7, Part II, paragraph 66.

² This total is lower than the amount informed orally to the 2015 Meeting of States Parties by the Chief of the Implementation Support Unit because of subsequent recalculations of some related costs.



that time, any adjustments in contributions by the participants sharing the costs will be determined accordingly.

4. With regard to the financial arrangements, consistent with the decision of the Seventh Review Conference for the current intersessional programme³, the costs of the Eighth Review Conference, including those pertaining to its Preparatory Committee, would be shared by all States Parties to the Convention, based on the United Nations scale of assessment pro-rated to take into account differences in membership between the Convention and the United Nations.

5. Subject to the States Parties' approval of the estimated costs and cost-sharing formula, assessment notices will be prepared based on the overall estimated costs and applicable cost-sharing formula. Since the above-mentioned activities shall have no financial implication for the regular budget of the Organization, States Parties should proceed with the payment of their share of the estimated costs as soon as assessment notices are received.

³ See BWC/CONF.VII/7, Part II, paragraph 37.

Title of session:	2016 BWC Preparatory Committee							
Dates to be held:	Location Geneva, 8-12 August 2016 (5 working days)							
Conference-servicing items	Meeting Servicing *	Pre-session documentation *	In-session documentation *	Summary records *	Post-session documentation *	Support Services requirements *	Other requirements *	Total *
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Interpretation and meeting servicing	99,500							99,500
Translation of documentation		20,100	42,200		31,300			93,600
Support Services requirements ^{1/}						-	3,900	3,900
Other requirements ^{2/}							21,700	21,700
Total	99,500	20,100	42,200	-	31,300	-	25,600	218,700
* - at US\$ 1=CHF 0.970								
	A.	Total conference-servicing requirements (inclusive of 13% programme support costs)						218,700
		Grand total (rounded) A+B:						218,700
1/ Sound technician/recording (2 x 5 days) \$3,900								
2/ Documents control officer (1 x 5 days) \$2,100; Documents distribution officer (1 x 5 days) \$2,100; rental of computer, printer and flash recorder for 5 days \$200; GS(OL) General temporary assistance (2 x 5 days plus overtime) \$7,700; Dedicated assistance provided for accounting services and administration of financial resources \$9,600.								

Title of session:	2016 BWC Eighth Review Conference							
Dates to be held:	Location Geneva, 7-25 November 2016 (15 working days)							
	Meeting	Pre-session	In-session	Summary	Post-session	Support Services	Other	
Conference-servicing items	Servicing *	documentation *	documentation *	records *	documentation *	requirements *	requirements *	Total *
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Interpretation and meeting servicing	298,400							298,400
Translation of documentation		79,100	211,100	91,000	49,800			431,000
Support Services requirements^{1/}						-	11,800	11,800
Other requirements^{2/}							75,500	75,500
Total	298,400	79,100	211,100	91,000	49,800	-	87,300	816,700
* - at US\$ 1=CHF 0.970								
	A. Total conference-servicing requirements (inclusive of 13% programme support costs)							816,700
	B. Non-conference-servicing requirements:							-
	Grand total (rounded) A+B:							816,700
<i>1/ Sound technician/recording (2 x 15 days) \$11,800</i>								
<i>2/ Documents control officer (1 x 15 days) \$6,200; Documents distribution officer (1 x 15 days) \$6,200; rental of computer, printer and flash recorder for 15 days \$500; GS(OL) General temporary assistance (2 x 20 days plus overtime) \$23,600; Editing \$3,300, Dedicated assistance provided for accounting services and administration of financial resources \$35,700.</i>								