

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 Ninth Review Conference and its Preparatory Committee in 2021 and 2022

Estimated costs of the Implementation Support Unit of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction in 2022

Note by the Secretariat

1. By operative paragraph 10 of resolution 75/88, adopted without a vote on 7 December 2020, 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.
2. This document is submitted pursuant to the above-mentioned resolution. Through a written silence procedure, States Parties agreed to the submission of several technical recommendations for formal consideration and approval at the appropriate upcoming BWC meetings, including technical recommendation 3(f) on the approval of the cost estimates for the Implementation Support Unit in 2022.¹ Estimated costs of the Implementation Support Unit in 2022 amount to US\$ 1,031,800. A breakdown of these costs 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 completion of related work, with all relevant expenditures recorded in the accounts. At 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 Eighth Review Conference for the current intersessional programme², the costs of the Implementation Support Unit, 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.

¹ See the letter from the Chairperson of the Meeting of States Parties dated 27 May 2021.

² See BWC/CONF.VIII/7, Part III, paragraph 11.



2/ *Dedicated assistance provided for accounting services and administration of financial resources* \$54,700