

**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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**Note verbale dated 11 December 2018 from the Permanent
Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the
Conference on Disarmament addressed to the
Implementation Support Unit**

The Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Conference on Disarmament presents its compliments to the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) for the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) within the Geneva Branch of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs and has the honour to convey the following:

The Federal Republic of Germany has supported the adoption of the report of the 2018 Meeting of States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC/MSP/2018/6) by consensus. However, and with reference to our Explanation of Vote on the “Status of Palestine in the United Nations” Resolution 67/19 of 29 November 2012, Germany wishes to state that its support of the aforementioned report should not be construed as recognition of a “State of Palestine” by Germany.

The Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Conference on Disarmament would like to kindly request the BWC Implementation Support Unit to disseminate the present note verbale among all members and signatories of the Biological Weapons Convention and to circulate this note verbale as an official-series document of the 2018 Meeting of States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention.

The Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Conference on Disarmament avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) for the Biological Weapons Convention within the Geneva Branch of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

