

**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 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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NOMINATION OF NEW CHAIRMAN FOR BWC MEETINGS IN 2010

Excellency,

As you are aware, the 2009 Meeting of States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) appointed Ambassador Carlos Portales of Chile as Chairman of the 2010 Meeting of Experts and Meeting of States Parties. In consultations with the regional groups on 29 and 30 March 2010, Ambassador Portales announced that, following the change of government in Chile, his term as ambassador in Geneva would end on 14 May 2010 and he would therefore not be able to continue as Chairman.

In accordance with the decision of the Sixth Review Conference, the Group of the Non-aligned Movement and Other States is responsible for nominating the chair of the BWC meetings in 2010. The Coordinator of the Group, the delegation of Cuba, has informed the Secretariat that the Group has agreed to nominate **Ambassador Pedro Oyarce** of Chile as Chairman of the Meeting of Experts and Meeting of States Parties, in place of Ambassador Portales.

If you have any objection to the appointment of Ambassador Oyarce as Chairman, please inform me in writing by **Friday 9 July 2010**. If no State Party has objected by this date, the Secretariat will notify all States Parties that Ambassador Oyarce has been officially appointed as Chairman of the Meeting of Experts and Meeting of States Parties, with effect from **Monday 12 July 2010**.

If you have any queries or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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



Richard Lennane
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