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To the Permanent Representatives 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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## **BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION: CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES**

Excellency,

In accordance with the decision taken by the Sixth Review Conference of the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) in 2006, I am writing to remind you formally that the deadline of **15 April** for the submission of the annual Confidence-building Measures (CBMs) under the Convention is approaching.

According to the decisions of past BWC review conferences, CBMs are to be submitted, using the agreed forms, to the BWC Implementation Support Unit in the Geneva Branch of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs no later than 15 April each year. The information provided should cover the previous calendar year. Your CBM covering calendar year 2013 should therefore be submitted to the ISU **no later than 15 April 2014**.

More information on the CBMs, including the necessary forms, can be found on the website of the Implementation Support Unit (<http://www.unog.ch/bwc/cbms>). In particular, I would like to draw your attention to the revised **Guide to Participating in the Confidence-building Measures**, prepared by the ISU with the support of the European Union, which is available on the website.

The Implementation Support Unit is at your disposal to answer any enquiries about the CBMs, and to help obtain any assistance your government might require for preparing CBMs. Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss any aspect of the CBM process.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Lennane', written in a cursive style.

Richard Lennane  
Head, Implementation Support Unit