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To the Permanent Representatives of the States Parties
and signatories 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: CHANGE TO ISU STAFFING

Excellency,

I am writing to inform you that after seven years as Head of the BWC Implementation Support Unit, I will be leaving the Unit and the United Nations at the end of this month to pursue other opportunities.

My colleague Dr. Piers Millett will be Acting Head of the ISU until my successor is appointed. Dr. Millett can be contacted at pmillet@unog.ch, tel: +41 (0)22 917 3463.

I would like to thank you and your government for your collaboration and support throughout my tenure. Establishing the ISU and directing its development as a practical resource to help States Parties implement the Convention has been a challenging, stimulating and greatly rewarding experience. It has been a privilege to work with many committed colleagues, in Geneva and worldwide, to strengthen the BWC.

I hope you will continue to engage with the ISU, and will cooperate closely with my successor and the other staff of the Unit, in further improving the implementation of the Convention and reducing the risks posed to international security by biological weapons.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Lennane'.

Richard Lennane
Head, Implementation Support Unit