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Excellency,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chair of the 2014 Meeting of Expert and Meeting of States Parties of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction (BWC).

The BWC is one of the three fundamental pillars of the international community's efforts to combat weapons of mass destruction. There are now 170 States Parties to this instrument and the accession of the country you represent would be an important step towards its universality.

**In this context, I would like to invite you to a meeting on the Tuesday 6 May from 1pm to 2.30pm at the Swiss Mission to the United Nations (633 Third Avenue, 29<sup>th</sup> floor) to engage in a dialogue on accession to the BWC and related issues.**

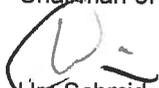
This reunion, organized in cooperation with Hungary and Malaysia (BWC Vice-chair), will bring together the three depositary States of the BWC (Russian Federation, United Kingdom and United States) as well as a host of States not parties to the BWC.

It will provide the opportunity to address the benefits of joining this multilateral regime. It will also provide the opportunity to address any specific issue you may have regarding the accession of your country to the BWC.

We would be grateful if you could confirm your participation by Wednesday Friday 2 May per email to [stephanie.winet@eda.admin.ch](mailto:stephanie.winet@eda.admin.ch) or per telephone to 917-289-9858

Yours sincerely,

The Permanent Representative of Switzerland  
to the Conference on Disarmament  
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