

**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 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: NOMINATION OF VICE-  
CHAIR**

Excellency,

Further to my letter to you of 27 September 2012, I am writing to advise you that the Coordinator of the Western Group, Ambassador Peter Woolcott of Australia, has informed me that the Western Group has nominated **Ambassador Urs Schmid** of Switzerland as Vice-chair of the 2012 Meeting of States Parties, to replace Ambassador Alexandre Fasel.

If you have any objection to the appointment of Ambassador Schmid as Vice-chair, please inform the Implementation Support Unit in writing by **Friday 12 October 2012**. If no State Party has objected by this date, the appointment will be considered official with effect from Monday 15 October 2012.

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



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Ambassador and Permanent  
Representative of Algeria  
Chairman of the Meeting of States  
Parties