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# Ninth Review Conference 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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Preparatory Committee  
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Report of the Preparatory Committee to the Review Conference

## Final report of the Preparatory Committee\*

### I. Terms of reference and organization

#### A. Introduction

1. The Final Report of the Eighth Review Conference 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 ([BWC/CONF.VIII/4](#)), in paragraph 77 of Part II of the Final Declaration, contained the following decision:

“The Conference decides that the Ninth Review Conference shall be held in Geneva not later than 2021 and should review the operation of the Convention, taking into account, *inter alia*:

(a) new scientific and technological developments relevant to the Convention, taking into account the relevant decision of this Conference regarding the review of developments in the field of science and technology related to the Convention;

(b) the progress made by States Parties on the implementation of the Convention;

(c) progress of the implementation of decisions and recommendations agreed upon at the Eighth Review Conference, taking into account, as appropriate, decisions and recommendations reached at previous review conferences.”

2. By resolution [76/67](#), adopted without a vote on 6 December 2021, the General Assembly, *inter alia*, requested the Secretary-General to continue to render the necessary assistance to the Depositary Governments of the Convention and to provide such services as may be required for the conduct and the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the review conferences.

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3. The final report of the 2020 Meeting of States Parties ([BWC/MSP/2020/7](#)) contained the following decisions:

“29. The Meeting of States Parties considered the arrangements for the Ninth Review Conference and its Preparatory Committee. As reflected in the reports of the 2020 Meetings of Experts and this report, the 2020 meetings were postponed several times due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2018-2020 intersessional programme could therefore not be concluded as originally planned in 2020.

30. In May 2021, States Parties therefore agreed by written silence procedure that several technical recommendations would be submitted for formal consideration and approval by the appropriate upcoming BWC meetings. In this regard, the Meeting of States Parties decided that the Preparatory Committee would be held in Geneva in in-person format in accordance with the regular practice under the BWC on 20 December 2021. It was agreed that this meeting would consider the agenda items on the organizational aspects of the Review Conference.<sup>1</sup>

31. While acknowledging that the Eighth Review Conference in 2016 decided that “the Ninth Review Conference shall be held in Geneva not later than 2021”, the Meeting of States Parties, taking into account the extraordinary circumstances imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, exceptionally and without setting a precedent, agreed the following technical adjustments:

(a) the Ninth Review Conference would be held in Geneva in in-person format in accordance with the regular practice under the BWC from 8 to 26 August 2022;

(b) the Preparatory Committee would resume its work in Geneva in in-person format in accordance with the regular practice under the BWC from 4 to 11 April 2022, subject to the availability of funds. It was agreed that the meeting in April 2022 would consider the agenda items on general exchange of views and provide an opportunity for States Parties to consider comprehensively all provisions of the Convention. At the conclusion of the meeting in April 2022, the Chairperson would present under their own responsibility, for consideration of delegations ahead of the Ninth Review Conference, a summary report without prejudice to perspectives, recommendations, conclusions and proposals presented by delegations or that prejudices the final outcome of the Review Conference;

(c) funds for the abovementioned meetings postponed from 2021 shall be carried over to 2022 to cover the costs of the Ninth Review Conference and the meeting of its Preparatory Committee in April 2022; and

(d) the mandate of the Implementation Support Unit shall be extended until the Ninth Review Conference, when its mandate will be reviewed.

[...]

34. The Meeting agreed that the abovementioned technical adjustments were temporary measures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, do not set a precedent and should not be considered as a review of the decision of the Eighth Review Conference in 2016 that “the Ninth Review Conference shall be held in Geneva not later than 2021 and should review the operation of the Convention, taking into account, inter alia: (a) new scientific and technological developments relevant to the Convention; (b) the progress made by States Parties on the implementation of the Convention; and (c)

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<sup>1</sup> See the letter from the Chairperson of the Meeting of States Parties dated 21 May 2021.

progress of the implementation of decisions and recommendations agreed upon at the Eighth Review Conference, taking into account, as appropriate, decisions and recommendations reached at previous review conferences”.”

## **B. Organization of the Preparatory Committee**

4. In accordance with these decisions, the Preparatory Committee convened and held two meetings in Geneva on 20 December 2021. It then resumed its work from 4 to 11 April 2022 during which time it held 12 meetings. On behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Peter Kolarov, Political Affairs Officer, Office for Disarmament Affairs, opened the Preparatory Committee on 20 December 2021.

5. At the 2020 Meeting of States Parties, the Group of the Non-Aligned Movement and Other States Parties to the BWC was invited, in accordance with established practice, to nominate the President of the Ninth Review Conference and Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee. Azerbaijan, as Coordinator of the Group, presented the nomination of Mr. Khalil Hashmi, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Pakistan. The Meeting of States Parties considered the nomination presented. Two objections were raised to the nomination. States Parties expressed their views on the matter. The States Parties passed on the matter to the Preparatory Committee for consideration.

6. During the period following the Meeting of States Parties, a number of consultations were held in order to address this matter. In particular, the Group of the Non-Aligned Movement and Other States Parties to the BWC advised that the Group would like to retain its right to preside over the Ninth Review Conference. The group emphasized that it would need more time for consultations on the matter.

7. The Preparatory Committee unanimously elected Mr. Florian Antohi of Romania and Mr. Tancredi Francesc of Italy as Vice-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee. The Preparatory Committee authorized the Bureau to handle technical and other matters in the period before the Review Conference was convened.

8. The Preparatory Committee encouraged the States Parties to intensify their efforts with a view to resolving the matter related to the election of the President of the Ninth Review Conference and the Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee by 31 January 2022. Without setting a precedent, the Preparatory Committee agreed to apply a written silence procedure, initiated by the Vice-Chairpersons, to complete this election.

9. During the period following the December session of the Preparatory Committee, further consultations were held and the Vice-Chairs worked in close contact with the three Regional Coordinators, the Depositaries and the Implementation Support Unit to explore options for completing the election of the President of the Ninth Review Conference and the Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee.

10. On 24 January 2022, the Coordinator of the Group of the Non-Aligned Movement and Other States Parties to the BWC, informed that the Group had decided to hand over the presidency of the Ninth Review Conference to another interested Regional Group. The Group of the Non-Aligned Movement and Other States Parties to the BWC also requested to retain its rotational right to preside over the Tenth Review Conference.

11. In light of these developments, urged by the importance to ensure a proper preparation to the Review Conference, the Vice-Chairs intensified consultations and convened two open-ended informal meetings, on 11 February and 11 March 2022. The Coordinators and other members of the Western Group and Eastern European Group expressed their views and confirmed that the Groups had intensified their efforts to find a candidate. At the same time, they emphasized the need for more time to consult on the matter.

12. At its meeting on 8 April 2022, the Preparatory Committee took note of the decision of the Group of the Non-Aligned Movement and Other States Parties to the BWC to hand over the presidency of the Ninth Review Conference and to retain its rotational right to preside over the Tenth Review Conference.
13. At the same meeting, Australia, as Coordinator of the Western Group, advised that the capacity of the Group to nominate for the position of President of the Review Conference was linked to the question of the dates of the Review Conference. The Coordinator further advised that this was a product of the need for any incoming President to have sufficient time to undertake the necessary preparations for the Review Conference. It also reflected the demands on delegations within the Western Group connected with the disarmament calendar for 2022.
14. The Coordinator of the Western Group presented the nomination of Mr. Leonardo Bencini, Ambassador and Permanent Representative-Designate of Italy to the Conference on Disarmament, for the position of President of the Ninth Review Conference. The Coordinator also specified that Ambassador Bencini's capacity to fulfil this role was subject to a decision by the Preparatory Committee that the Ninth Review Conference shall be held from 28 November to 16 December 2022, in order to ensure him time to undertake the necessary preparations and consultations.
15. At its first meeting, the Preparatory Committee adopted its agenda ([BWC/CONF.IX/PC/1](#)), as contained in Annex I to this report.
16. The Preparatory Committee decided to take its decisions by consensus.
17. The Preparatory Committee decided to use Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish as official languages.
18. Mr. Daniel Feakes, Chief of the Implementation Support Unit, served as Secretary of the Preparatory Committee. Mr. Hermann Lampalzer, Political Affairs Officer, Implementation Support Unit, served as Deputy Secretary. Ms. Ngoc Phuong van der Blij served in the Secretariat.

### **C. Participation in the Preparatory Committee**

19. 115 delegations participated in the Preparatory Committee as follows: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Libya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe.
20. The Preparatory Committee, taking note of a written notification and in accordance with draft rule 44, paragraph 1, noted the participation of representatives of one State that

had signed the Convention but had not yet ratified it, the Syrian Arab Republic, without the right to take part in the adoption of decisions.

21. The Preparatory Committee, taking note of written requests and in accordance with the draft rule 44, paragraph 2, decided to invite the representatives of two States neither party nor signatory to the Convention, Israel and Namibia, to participate as observers.

22. The United Nations, including the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, attended the Preparatory Committee in accordance with the draft rule 44, paragraph 3.

23. The Preparatory Committee, taking note of written requests and in accordance with the draft rule 44, paragraph 4, decided to invite the International Committee of the Red Cross, the European Union, the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the World Health Organization to participate as observer agencies.

24. A list of all participants in the Preparatory Committee on 20 December 2021 is contained in document [BWC/CONF.IX/PC/INF.1](#) and a list of all participants in the Preparatory Committee from 4 to 11 April 2022 is contained in document [BWC/CONF.IX/PC/INF.2](#).

## II. General exchange of views

25. At its meeting in April 2022, the Preparatory Committee held a general exchange of views in which the following States Parties participated: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan (on behalf of the Group of the Non-Aligned Movement and Other States Parties to the BWC), Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Cambodia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, Georgia, Germany, Germany (on behalf of the Global Partnership Against Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction), India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, State of Palestine, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of). One observer agency, the European Union, also made a statement during the general exchange of views.

## III. Organization of the Review Conference

26. The Preparatory Committee agreed to recommend to the Ninth Review Conference that Mr. Leonardo Bencini, Ambassador and Permanent Representative-Designate of Italy to the Conference on Disarmament, preside over the Conference, on the understanding that the Group of the Non-Aligned Movement and other States Parties to the BWC decided to retain its rotational right to preside over the Tenth Review Conference.

27. The Preparatory Committee also agreed to recommend to the Ninth Review Conference the following distribution of posts of Vice-presidents of the Conference, and Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the subsidiary bodies, among the various regional groups:

Vice-presidents:

- Ten from the Group of the Non-Aligned Movement and Other States
- Six from the Western Group

- Four from the Group of Eastern European States

Committee of the Whole:

- Chairperson: Group of Eastern European States
- Vice-Chairperson: Group of the Non-Aligned Movement and Other States
- Vice-Chairperson: Western Group

Drafting Committee:

- Chairperson: Western Group
- Vice-Chairperson: Group of Eastern European States
- Vice-Chairperson: Group of the Non-Aligned Movement and Other States

Credentials Committee:

- Chairperson: Group of the Non-Aligned Movement and Other States
- Vice-Chairperson: Western Group

28. The Preparatory Committee considered the following questions relating to the organization of the Review Conference:

### **Date and duration**

29. Taking into account the extraordinary circumstances, the Preparatory Committee reconsidered the decision of the 2020 Meeting of States Parties and decided that the Ninth Review Conference should take place in Geneva from 28 November to 16 December 2022.

### **Provisional agenda**

30. The Preparatory Committee agreed to recommend to the Ninth Review Conference the draft provisional agenda as contained in document [BWC/CONF.IX/PC/L.1](#).

### **Draft Rules of Procedure**

31. The Preparatory Committee agreed to recommend as the Draft Rules of Procedure of the Ninth Review Conference the Rules of Procedure of the Eighth Review Conference, as contained in document [BWC/CONF.IX/PC/L.2](#).

32. The Preparatory Committee agreed to recommend that, with respect to Rule 5, the Review Conference should elect a Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons of the Drafting Committee.

33. The Preparatory Committee further agreed to recommend that the General Committee referred to in Rule 8 should be composed of the President of the Review Conference, the 20 Vice-Presidents, the Chairperson and the two Vice-Chairpersons of the Committee of the Whole, the Chairperson and the two Vice-Chairpersons of the Drafting Committee, the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the Credentials Committee, to be elected in accordance with Rule 5, the three Regional Group Coordinators, and the Depositories.

34. The Preparatory Committee also agreed to recommend that with respect to meetings referred to in Rule 43 (2), the Committees may decide to hold certain meetings in public.

## Background documentation

35. The Preparatory Committee decided to request the Implementation Support Unit to prepare eight background information documents, as follows:

(a) A background information document on the history and operation of the confidence-building measures agreed at the Second Review Conference and revised at the Third and Seventh Review Conferences. The document should include data in summary tabular form on the participation of States Parties in the measures since the last Review Conference;

(b) A background information document on the overall financial status of the Convention and implications of proposals for follow-on action after the Ninth Review Conference;

(c) A background information document showing the additional understandings and agreements reached by previous Review Conferences relating to each article of the Convention, extracted from the respective Final Declarations of these conferences;

(d) A background information document showing the common understandings reached by the Meetings of States Parties during the intersessional programme held from 2017 to 2020;

(e) A background information document on the status of universalization of the Convention;

(f) A background information document on compliance by States Parties with all their obligations under the Convention, to be compiled from information submitted by States Parties;

(g) A background information document on the implementation of Article VII, to be compiled from information submitted by States Parties; and

(h) A background information document on the implementation of Article X, to be compiled from information submitted by States Parties, including information submitted pursuant to paragraph 61 of the Final Declaration of the Seventh Review Conference.

The Preparatory Committee reached an understanding that it would consider possible additional background information documents at its session in April 2022.

36. At its session in April 2022, the Preparatory Committee decided to request the Implementation Support Unit to prepare the following additional background information document: New scientific and technological developments relevant to the Convention, to be compiled from information submitted by States Parties.

37. The Preparatory Committee decided that the background documentation listed in subparagraphs 35 (a) to (e) above should be circulated not later than four weeks before the opening of its resumed session in April 2022. The background documentation listed in subparagraphs 35 (f) to (h) and in paragraph 36 above should be circulated not later than four weeks before the opening of the Ninth Review Conference.

## Publicity

38. The Preparatory Committee decided to request the Secretariat to issue press releases for the meetings of the Review Conference.

### **Final document(s)**

39. With respect to the question of final document(s) of the Review Conference, the Preparatory Committee decided to include an appropriate item in the provisional agenda of the Conference.

### **Appointment of a provisional Secretary-General**

40. In accordance with draft Rule 10 providing for a Secretary-General of the Review Conference, the Preparatory Committee decided to invite the Secretary-General of the United Nations to nominate an official to act on behalf of the Preparatory Committee as provisional Secretary-General of the Review Conference, the nominee to be confirmed by the Review Conference in accordance with the rules of procedure.

### **Financial arrangements for the Preparatory Committee and the Review Conference**

41. The Preparatory Committee noted that the estimated costs for the Preparatory Committee and the Ninth Review Conference, as contained in [BWC/MSP/2019/6](#), had been approved by the Meeting of States Parties on 11 December 2019 (see [BWC/MSP/2019/7](#), paragraph 32). In addition, the 2020 Meeting of States Parties agreed that funds for the meetings postponed from 2021 shall be carried over to 2022 to cover the costs of the Ninth Review Conference and the meeting of its Preparatory Committee in April 2022 (see [BWC/MSP/2020/7](#), sub-paragraph 31(c)). The Preparatory Committee encouraged States Parties to pay their assessed contributions without delay.

## **IV. Comprehensive consideration of all provisions of the Convention**

42. During its meeting from 4 to 11 April 2022, the Preparatory Committee considered comprehensively all provisions of the Convention. Under this agenda item, the following States Parties took the floor: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Germany (on behalf of the Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction), India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Nigeria, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, South Africa, State of Palestine, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of). The Syrian Arab Republic took the floor as a Signatory State. The European Union also participated in the comprehensive consideration of all provisions of the Convention as an observer agency.

## **V. Documentation**

43. All documents of the Preparatory Committee are available on the BWC website at <https://meetings.unoda.org/section/bwc-prepcom-2021-documents/> and through the United Nations Official Document System (ODS), at <http://documents.un.org>. A list of documents is contained in Annex II.

## VI. Adoption of the Report

44. At its meeting on 20 December 2021, the Preparatory Committee adopted its interim report by consensus, as contained in document BWC/CONF.IX/PC/CRP.1, as orally amended, which was issued as document [BWC/CONF.IX/PC/2](#).

45. At its meeting on 11 April 2022, the Preparatory Committee adopted its final report by consensus, as contained in document BWC/CONF.IX/PC/CRP.2, as orally amended, to be issued as document BWC/CONF.IX/PC/10.

## **Annex I**

### **Agenda of the Preparatory Committee**

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Election of the Chairperson and other officers
3. Adoption of the agenda of the Preparatory Committee
4. Organization of work of the Preparatory Committee:
  - (a) Method of decision-making
  - (b) Languages
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6. Organization of the Review Conference:
  - (a) Date and duration
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## Annex II

### List of documents

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/1	Provisional agenda of the Preparatory Committee. Submitted by the Chairman-designate
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/2	Interim report of the Preparatory Committee (20 December 2021)
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/3	History and operation of the confidence-building measures - Background information document submitted by the Implementation Support Unit
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/4	The overall financial status of the Convention and implications of proposals for follow-on action after the Ninth Review Conference - Background information document submitted by the Implementation Support Unit
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/5	Additional Understandings and Agreements Reached by Previous Review Conferences Relating to each Article of the Convention - Background information document submitted by the Implementation Support Unit
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/6	Common Understandings Reached by the Meetings of States Parties During the Intersessional Programme held from 2017 to 2020 - Background information document submitted by the Implementation Support Unit
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/7	Status of Universalization of the Convention - Background information document submitted by the Implementation Support Unit
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/7/Rev.1	Status of Universalization of the Convention – Revised background information document submitted by the Implementation Support Unit
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/8	Report of the Implementation Support Unit on its activities to implement its mandate, 2017-2021 - Submitted by the Implementation Support Unit
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/9 English only	Letters from the Vice-Chairpersons of the Preparatory Committee
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/10	Final report of the Preparatory Committee
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/CRP.1 English only	Draft interim report of the Preparatory Committee – Submitted by the Vice-Chairpersons
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/CRP.2 English only	Draft final report of the Preparatory Committee – Submitted by the Vice-Chairpersons
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/INF.1 English/French/Spanish only	List of participants – First session
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/INF.2 English/French/Spanish only	List of participants – Second session

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/L.1	Draft provisional agenda for the Ninth Review Conference
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/L.2	Draft rules of procedure of the Ninth Review Conference
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/MISC.1 English/French/Spanish only	Provisional list of participants
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/MISC.1/Rev.2 English/French/Spanish only	Revised provisional list of participants
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/WP.1 English and French only	Proposal for establishment of an international platform dedicated to biosecurity and biosafety: SecBio – Submitted by France and Togo
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/WP.1/Rev.1 English and French only	Revised proposal for establishment of an international platform dedicated to biosecurity and biosafety: SecBio – Submitted by France, Senegal and Togo
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/WP.2 English and Russian only	Strengthening the Biological Weapons Convention. Operationalising mobile biomedical units to deliver protection against biological weapons, investigate their alleged use, and to suppress epidemics of various etiology – Submitted by the Russian Federation
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/WP.3 English and Russian only	Proposal to enhance the format of confidence-building measures under the Biological Weapons Convention – Submitted by the Russian Federation
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/WP.4 English and Russian only	Strengthening the Biological Weapons Convention. Proposal for the establishment of a Scientific Advisory Committee – Submitted by the Russian Federation
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/WP.5 English and Russian only	Strengthening the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) Proposal for the BWC Article VI Implementation – Submitted by the Russian Federation
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/WP.6 English and Russian only	Proposal for inclusion in the final document of the Ninth Review Conference of the Biological Weapons Convention – Submitted by the Russian Federation
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/WP.7 English only	Implementation of Article VII – Submitted by South Africa
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/WP.8 English only	Enhancing Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment as an Integral Part of the Institutional Strengthening of the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) – Submitted by Panama
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/WP.9 English only	Outline of Proposals to Enhance the Institutional Machinery of the Biological and Toxin Convention (BWC) in the Context of Cooperation and Assistance Under Article X – Submitted by Finland, Georgia, Norway and the Philippines
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/WP.10 Chinese and English only	The Tianjin Biosecurity Guidelines for Codes of Conduct for Scientists – Submitted by China and Pakistan, co-sponsored by Brazil

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/WP.11 Chinese and English only	Progress on Dissemination of the Tianjin Biosecurity Guidelines for Codes of Conduct for Scientists – Submitted by China and Pakistan
BWC/CONF.IX/PC/WP.12 English only	Nomination for the President of the Ninth BWC Review Conference and Chairperson of the Ninth BWC Preparatory Committee – Submitted by Pakistan

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