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The eighth BWC Review Conference was held during November 7-25, 2016, at the UN office in Geneva, Switzerland. The general perception has been that the outcome of this Review Conference has not been very positive. This issue of the CBW Magazine discusses the recently concluded Review Conference in four articles that follow. In general, the writers agree that there is a need to do more with respect to the Biological Weapons Convention and this Review Conference has not been very effective in formulating a future action plan. Also, the Review Conference has not achieved any targeted goals and now all hopes for any prominent development are on the next Review Conference scheduled for 2021. They also discuss the challenges faced by the Eighth Review Conference and call this Review Conference a 'missed opportunity'. The main trends in treaty developments and the role played by countries at the regional and local level to confirm to the commitments laid down is also covered.

Natallia Khaniejo in her article discusses the reasons behind the use of biological and chemical weapons by terrorist organizations, especially the Daesh.

This issue also comprises other regular features like the Kaleidoscope and Chemical and Biological News.

With our readers' feedback, we wish to publish issues in the future that focus on a subject of particular concern.

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