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Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention Website

References:

1. <http://www.opbw.org/>

The Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC/BWC) was signed on 10 April 1972 and it entered into force on 26 March 1975. So far six review conference of this convention have been held.

The entire documentation of BTWC has been made available on the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention Website. This site has been developed is to provide accurate, up-to-date information about the BTWC. The site is administered by the Department of Peace Studies of the University of Bradford at the request of the President of the Sixth Review Conference.

The site offers information in regard background, information of about state parties and the text of convention. It also gives information about declarations and reservations to the convention by various states.

The site offers detail information regarding various review conferences. This includes final declaration, conference documents, preparatory committee documents and drafting documents, summary record of the various meetings, statements by states parties and signatories, statements by regional and international organizations, and other relevant conformation. Information mostly gathered from officials sources in regard to National Implementation Legislations and Regulations for various countries has been provided. There is a separate section on the various measure take so for strengthening the BTWC regime which includes information on the confidence building mechanism (CBM) declarations by various countries.

The site is popular amongst the policy makers and research community.