



Lunch seminar
Palais des Nations, Room XXV
Tuesday 14 June 2005 at 13:30

BioWeapons Monitor

Public launch of Phase 1

The *BioWeapons Monitor* is a civil society initiative to track compliance of governments and other entities with the 1972 Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC) and other international treaties that codify the norm against biological weapons, relevant scientific and technological developments, and measures undertaken by governments and relevant organizations to increase openness and transparency.

It is an online searchable database with open-source information on topics such as:

- international accords controlling biological weapons,
- compliance with the prohibitions contained in the BTWC and the 1925 Geneva Protocol,
- compliance with obligations to increase openness such as confidence-building measures under the BTWC,
- relevant developments in specific regions or countries,
- policies by governments and other entities to reinforce the norm against the weaponization of disease,
- scientific and technological developments related to the threat of biological weapons,
- openness and transparency in dual-use capabilities, and
- initiatives by non-governmental organisations to strengthen the norm against biological weapons.

Introductions will be made by

Ambassador Chris Sanders, The Netherlands
Ms Anelia Belogay, Director Tetracom, Bulgaria
Dr Jean Pascal Zanders, Director BWPP
Mr Ky-Phong Nguyen, BWPP Publications Assistant

(Sandwiches and refreshments will be served from 13:00 onwards.)

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