A Multitude of Challenges and Responsibilities

Situating the future of the BTWC in a globalising world

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Situating the discussion topic

- Disarmament/arms control community:
  - Logical point of entry: weapons and their application
  - For BW: 1925 Geneva Protocol + 1972 BTWC

- Possible alternative points of entry
  - Prevention of disease (irrespective of origin of outbreak)
  - Preserving biology and biotechnology for peaceful purposes (societal advancement, economic development, health security, food security, etc.)
  - Environmental security (impact of accidental or purposeful introduction of organisms in new biotopes or of modified organisms)

- How does the BTWC relate to these alternative points of entry?
  - Prevention of *deliberate* disease (preparations + use via Geneva Protocol & Review Conference conclusions)
  - Article X
  - Prevention of *deliberate* disease (long-term consequences of biological warfare); biosecurity & biosafety, etc.

- Key questions:
  - How exclusive is the BTWC in addressing such issues?
  - How effective is the BTWC in addressing those questions?
Agencies (sample)

- Weapon control
  - Multilateral agreements (Geneva protocol, BTWC, CWC)
  - Proliferation prevention arrangements (Australia Group, PSI, Global Partnership, etc.)
- Disease prevention
  - WHO, FAO, OIE + regional organisations
- Crime and terrorism
  - UNSC Resolutions (1540, etc.)
  - Interpol, Europol, etc.
- International transfers
  - WTO, WCO, etc.
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