
A Multitude of Challenges and Responsibilities

Situating the future of the BTWC in a globalising world

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Situating the discussion topic

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

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

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

- n Key questions:
 - n How exclusive is the BTWC in addressing such issues?
 - n How effective is the BTWC in addressing those questions?

Agencies (sample)

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

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