
**Seventh Review Conference of the States Parties
to the Convention on the Prohibition of the
Development, Production and Stockpiling
of Bacteriological (Biological) and
Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction**

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**Follow-up to the recommendations and decisions
of the Sixth Review Conference and the question of
future review of the Convention**

**Estimated costs of the intersessional programme of the
Convention to be held from 2012–2015**

Note by the Secretariat

1. By resolution 65/92, adopted without a vote on 8 December 2010, the General Assembly requested the United Nations Secretary-General to continue to render the necessary assistance to the depositary Governments of the Convention and to provide such services as may be required for the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Review Conferences.
2. This document is submitted pursuant to the above-mentioned resolution, and pending the decision of the Seventh Review Conference to commission an intersessional programme to run from 2012 to 2015, comprising annual meetings of experts and States Parties, an Implementation Support Unit, and associated elements.
3. Estimated costs of this intersessional programme, including conference servicing and non-conference-servicing elements, amount to **US\$1,943,400** in each of the years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015, or a total of **US\$7,773,600** over the four years. A breakdown of these costs is provided in the annex.
4. It should be noted that the conference-servicing element of the costs is estimated on the basis of past experience and anticipated workload. The actual costs will be determined after the closure of the meetings and completion of related work, with all relevant expenditures recorded in the accounts. At that time, any adjustments in contributions by States Parties will be determined accordingly.
5. With regard to the financial arrangements, the costs of the intersessional programme will be shared by the States Parties based on the United Nations scale of assessment, with the Seventh Review Conference to decide on the precise cost-sharing formula.
6. Following approval by the States Parties of the estimated costs and cost-sharing formula, assessment notices will be prepared accordingly. Since the intersessional programme shall have no financial implications for the regular budget of the United Nations, States Parties should proceed with the payment of their share of the estimated costs as soon as assessment notices have been received.

Annex

Breakdown of costs by meeting

Table 1
2012 BWC – Summary of meetings

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Summary records	0
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	263,600
Support services requirements	13,000
Other requirements	94,200
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B. Non-conference-servicing requirements	
Implementation Support Unit	
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Travel	50,000
Equipment and supplies	8,000
Office space	25,000
Sub-total	1,180,000
Programme support costs @ 13% of B	153,400
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