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The Implementation Support Unit (ISU) of the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) and the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) are undertaking a joint project on exploring possibilities for a science and technology review mechanism for the BWC. This project involves a background review of existing review mechanisms, a survey of BWC States Parties views around possible mechanisms and a series of workshops to sustain dialogue around such a mechanism in the run up to the Ninth BWC Review Conference. The oral presentation, which would be delivered jointly by the ISU and UNIDIR, would be designed to present provisional findings from the background research and survey and stimulate discussion amongst participants around the requirements for effective science and technology reviews in the context of an international disarmament agreement. Particular attention would be paid to key issues around participation, independence, leadership and the mandate of such mechanisms.

Promotional text

This contribution is intended to explore issues related to the provision of scientific advice in arms control and disarmament agreements. The contribution will cover issues including participation, independence, leadership and mandate.

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