

Rank 5: 1 responses (4%)

**Lack of compliance with voluntary confidence-building measures
(24 respondents)**

Rank 1 : 0 responses (0%)

Rank 2 : 2 responses (8%)

Rank 3 : 5 responses (21%)

Rank 4 : 8 responses (33%)

Rank 5 : 9 responses (38%)

Lack of compliance by all BTWC states parties with the obligation to adopt national implementation measures.

(25 respondents)

Rank 1: 1 response (4%)

Rank 2: 3 responses (12%)

Rank 3: 5 responses (20%)

Rank 4: 11 responses (44%)

Rank 5: 5 responses (20%)

4.2 Please rank the following external challenges that face the verification and compliance aspects of the biological weapons regime. (Please assign numbers 1 through 4 to the following statements. 1= most significant challenge.)

Emerging BW threats, including those from non-state actors.

(25 respondents)

Rank 1: 7 responses (28%)

Rank 2: 6 responses (24%)

Rank 3: 7 responses (28%)

Rank 4: 5 responses (20%)

The potential for the abuse of legitimate biological research

(26 respondents)

Rank 1: 9 responses (35%)

Rank 2: 5 responses (19%)

Rank 3: 9 responses (35%)

Rank 4: 3 responses (12%)

The lack of internationally recognized codes of conduct for biological research

(24 respondents)

Rank 1: 1 response (4%)

Rank 2: 3 responses (13%)

Rank 3: 4 responses (17%)

Rank 4: 16 responses (67%)