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Biosecurity Guidelines can have a similar influence in the bioscience sector.

One factor that led to the success of The Hague Ethical Guidelines was their support from the OPCW, the implementing body for the Chemical Weapons Convention. Similar support is needed for the Tianjin Biosecurity Guidelines by the BWC, the nations that are party to the treaty, and the Implement Support Unit for the BWC. There is precedent for this, as there have been efforts over the past 10 years to introduce a set of ethical guidelines into the BWC. During the 6th Review Conference in 2006, the governing body recognized that codes of conduct for ethical research represent an increasingly important tool for States Parties within the BWC. China and Pakistan proposed to develop a code of conduct for biological scientists to the BWC 8th Review Conference in the working paper as noted in the preceding text. The Chinese and Pakistani delegations continued to support the Tianjin Biosecurity Guidelines vi. In their most recent submission, the leading delegations requested that the BWC endorse the Tianjin Biosecurity Guidelines at the 9th Review Conference. In doing so, the disarmament treaty will be supporting a set of internationally sourced and supported guidelines that can act as common ground for the role of scientists in the compliance of the BWC from States Parties and the global biological sciences community.

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