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The era of Yasser Arafat has come to the end. What do you expect for the "days after" ?

- a power struggle within the Palestinian leadership  
 a fair chance for more democracy in Palestine  
 a new chance to reanimate the "road map" process  
 an offer from Israel for new substantial talks

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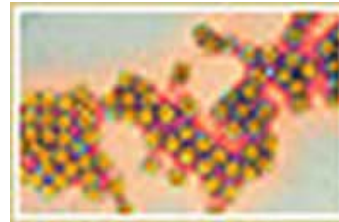


## BIG - Bioethical Implications of Globalisation Processes Policy Paper - No 1 April 2004

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### Conclusions of the International Conference on Ethical Implications of Research into the Prevention of Bioterrorism

This policy paper assesses and analyses key arguments raised during the CONFERENCE ON THE ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON BIOWEAPONS AND PREVENTION OF BIOTERRORISM held in Brussels on 3-4 February 2004, and organised by DG Research, Directorate E "Biotechnology, Agriculture and Food" in the context of an EC funded research project on the "Bioethical Implications of Globalisation" (BIG) co-ordinated by the Centre for Science, Society and Citizenship, Rome.



This paper first discusses the political context, then revises some arguments on the ethics of biowarfare, and finally analyses the ethical implications of four highly debated issues: global collaboration against terrorism, response to bioterrorism, dual use technology, and sensitive medical experimentation. It is in the nature of a policy paper that some points are asserted and not thoroughly defended. More substantial argumentation and evidence for the opinions expressed in this text may be found in longer publications which will follow it.

The opinions expressed are those of the author. They do not commit either the European Commission or the Consortium of the BIG Project. They do not yet represent a point of consensus among meeting participants, although they reflect the contents of the debate.

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- Promote Education for Tolerance in the Islamic and Western worlds. Stop "Education for Hate," especially in children's textbooks and school materials in select Islamic countries.

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- Isolate the negative elements from the peaceful open-minded majority in the Islamic World.

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- For each conflict we need a holistic formula for peace based on diplomacy plus power plus reconciliation.

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- Stabilize Afghanistan beyond Kabul and integrate Russia