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**NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT****CENTRE FOR CHEMISTRY AND TECHNOLOGY: INAUGURATION CEREMONY  
12 MAY 2023****BACKGROUND**

1. The construction of the OPCW Centre for Chemistry and Technology (ChemTech Centre) is nearing completion and is scheduled to be finished by the end of 2022. Following the completion and acceptance of the building, the relocation from the current facility in Rijswijk will take place in several stages to ensure that the ChemTech Centre will be operational in spring 2023. The latest construction progress report was issued under the Note entitled “Progress in the Project to Upgrade the OPCW Laboratory and Equipment Store to a Centre for Chemistry and Technology” (S/2112/2022, dated 17 November 2022).

**CEREMONY**

2. To mark the inauguration of the ChemTech Centre, the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) will organise a ceremony, which will take place in the morning of 12 May 2023 at the ChemTech Centre (Stoomweg 20, 2631 RR, Nootdorp, the Netherlands). A save-the-date announcement was sent to all Member States in November 2022, and a formal invitation for the ceremony will follow in due course.
3. Member States are invited to consider the most appropriate level of participation of representatives, be it at the level of ambassador, minister, or higher. Member States are further invited to contact the Secretariat in the event of high-level participation in the ceremony.
4. The details of the ceremony are yet to be determined and will be communicated in due course.

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