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DECISION

**ATTENDANCE BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS AT THE SIXTH
SESSION OF THE
CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES**

The Conference of the States Parties,

Bearing in mind Rule 33 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the States Parties:

Hereby:

Approves the participation in the Sixth Session of the Conference of the States Parties of the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) listed in the annex to this decision and

Decides to accord to the NGOs listed in the annex of this document the following status:

- (a) NGOs will be responsible for all expenses relating to their attendance at the Sixth Session of the Conference;
- (b) representatives of NGOs will be invited (subject to the decision of the Conference) to attend public meetings of the plenary sessions of the Conference;
- (c) NGOs will be issued with name tags, which must be worn within the Netherlands Congress Centre (NCC);
- (d) the names of NGOs will not appear on desks/tables in the conference rooms;
- (e) NGOs will not have the right to address meetings of the Conference;
- (f) NGOs may place literature for distribution only at designated places outside the conference rooms in the NCC; and
- (g) NGOs may have access to all documents mentioned in the annotated agenda and distributed during the Sixth Session of the Conference except for the following: documents marked “Member States Only”; conference room papers, or other draft documentation; unofficial documents; and all Executive Council documents, unless mentioned in the annotated agenda.

Annex (English only): List of non-governmental organisations

Annex

LIST OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

1. Green Cross International (GCI) Legacy Programme*
2. Harvard Sussex Program (HSP) *
3. International Federation of University Women (IFUW) *
4. Lawyers' Alliance For World Security/Committee for National Security (LAWS/CNS)
5. Monterey Institute of International Studies, Center for Non-proliferation Studies (CNS),
Chemical and Biological Weapons Non-proliferation Project *
6. Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) *
7. The Verification, Research, and Information Centre (VERTIC) *
8. World Veterans' Federation (WVF) *

Background Information

1.

Name of organisation: Green Cross International (GCI) Legacy Programme *
City: Basel
Country: Switzerland
Contact person: Dr Stephan Robinson
Activities: See below
Financial resources: Funded by the US, Swiss and UK governments, by foundations and
by private donors
Membership: 21 affiliates in 21 countries

Green Cross International (GCI) is a global, non-aligned networking organisation working in the area of environment and sustainable development. It creates partnerships to promote global value change. Multisectoral dialogue is the basic GCI principle for implementing sustainable projects. It therefore acts as an open forum, bringing together decision makers and grassroots movements from all sectors of society (NGOs, business and other groups) in a unique platform. GCI was initiated at the Earth Summit in Rio in 1992, and was officially launched in Kyoto, Japan, on 20 April 1993, under the leadership of GCI President, Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

In addition to other international programmes, since 1994, GCI has been running the "Legacy Programme," which addresses issues resulting from the arms race during the Cold War. One component of the Legacy Programme is "Chemtrust", a joint initiative of the US, Russian, and Swiss Green Cross. Chemtrust aims to further CW disarmament by bringing together all sectors involved in the process, and by serving as a non-partisan mediator helping to resolve issues of conflict. Regular discussion partners include ministries in the US, in the Russian Federation, and in Switzerland. GCI has organised several hearings and roundtable discussions on national CW disarmament programmes in Saratov, Izhevsk, Washington, and Indianapolis.

* NGOs marked with an asterisk have participated in previous sessions of the Conference of the States Parties.

2.

Name of organisation: Harvard Sussex Program (HSP) *
 City: Brighton (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)/Cambridge (the United States of America)
 Country: the United Kingdom/the United States of America
 Contact persons: Ms Pamela Mills and Mr Daniel Feakes
 Activities: Research and publications (including the *CBW Conventions Bulletin*)
 Financial resources: UK and US charitable foundations, including the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, the W. Alton Jones Foundation, and the Carnegie Corporation of New York.
 Membership: 15 staff

The HSP is an international collaborative programme of research and communication that seeks to enhance international awareness and understanding of public policy issues associated with chemical and biological weapons. Its aim is to promote the global elimination of chemical and biological weapons, and to strengthen the constraints against hostile uses of biomedical technologies. The programme focuses on the implementation of the two global CBW disarmament and anti-proliferation treaties – the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention.

The HSP is directed jointly from Harvard University in the United States, and the University of Sussex in the United Kingdom. The HSP conducts, sponsors, and otherwise encourages scholarly research within a wide range of CBW topics, and publishes a quarterly journal, the *CBW Conventions Bulletin*. A section of this bulletin reports on the progress made in the work of the OPCW. The HSP also convenes the Pugwash Study Group on the Implementation of the Chemical and Biological Weapons Conventions, and participates in international specialist seminars and workshops. The programme also supports a researcher at the OPCW Secretariat in The Hague.

3.

Name of organisation: International Federation of University Women (IFUW) *
 City: Geneva
 Country: Switzerland
 Contact persons: Ms Ati Chris Blom, and Ms Jans Gremmee-Schaafsma
 Activities: International conferences, workshops and seminars; a study and action programme with a common theme chosen by the membership; international fellowships for members; and training programmes
 Financial resources: Contributions from members
 Membership: 67 national associations comprising more than 180,000 women graduates

The IFUW is an international non-profit women's organisation founded in 1919, whose aims include the promotion of peace. Comprising national federations and associations, local branches and individual members, the IFUW offers educated women opportunities to reach their full potential to contribute to society. The mission of the IFUW is to empower women and girls through education, and development for leadership – locally, nationally and globally. The IFUW has consultative status with the UN ECOSOC.

4.

Name of organisation: Lawyers' Alliance for World Security/Committee for National Security (LAWS/CNS)

City: Washington, DC

Country: USA

Contact person: Jack Mendelsohn

Activities: See below

Financial resources: Funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Ford Foundation, the John Merck Fund, the Catherine T. and John D. MacArthur Foundation, the Ploughshares Fund, the Sherman Foundation, the W. Alton Jones Foundations, and by contributions from individuals

Membership: The Board of Directors consists of 60 prominent lawyers

LAWS is a private, non-partisan NGO that advocates prudent and practical policies designed to reduce the dangers posed by nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction in a post-Cold War era. LAWS regularly conducts consultations with senior government officials, parliamentarians, and scholars in North America, Europe, northeast Asia, India, and Russia to assist in the development and implementation of policies intended to bolster the nuclear non-proliferation treaty regime, to promote nuclear arms control and disarmament, and to encourage the development of the rule of law in Russia. LAWS programmes are recognised in many countries as valuable and impartial efforts that contribute to the cause of non-proliferation, arms control, and disarmament.

5.

Name of organisation: Monterey Institute of International Studies: Center for Non-proliferation Studies (CNS), Chemical and Biological Weapons Non-proliferation Project *

City: Monterey

Country: USA

Contact person: Mr Stephen Lustig

Activities: See below

Financial resources : Supported by a number of private foundations, including the Carnegie Corporation, the Ford Foundation, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Merck Foundation, the W. Alton Jones Foundation, the Prospect Hill Foundation, the Smith-Richardson Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Ploughshares Fund

Membership: 45 full-time staff and over 40 part-time personnel, with branch offices in Washington, DC and Almaty, Kazakhstan

The Center for Non-proliferation Studies (CNS) at the Monterey Institute is the largest non-governmental programme in the USA devoted exclusively to research and training on non-proliferation issues. The mission of the CNS is to combat the international proliferation of nuclear, missile, biological, and chemical weapons technologies. Established in 1989, the centre provides research tools, analysis, training, and education on non-proliferation issues to scholars and policy-makers.

The CBW Non-proliferation Project at the CNS monitors the proliferation of chemical and biological weapons, and develops strategies for halting and reversing their spread. Current

research activities cover the following areas: (1) overcoming the political, financial and environmental obstacles to chemical disarmament in Russia; (2) assessing procedures for on-site monitoring of compliance with the BWC; and (3) exploring motivations for the acquisition and use of CBW by states and by terrorist organisations. The project also teaches on the technical aspects of CBW proliferation, including an annual workshop for Monterey Institute graduate students.

6.

Name of organisation: Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) *
 City: Solna
 Country: Sweden
 Contact person: Dr Jean Pascal Zanders
 Activities: CBW research projects, and publications (SIPRI Yearbook, etc.)
 Financial resources: Funded by the Swedish parliament and external grants
 Membership: 53 staff

SIPRI conducts scientific research on questions of conflict and cooperation that are of importance to international peace and security. Its aim is to contribute to an understanding of the conditions required for the peaceful solution of international conflicts, and for stable peace. SIPRI has built its reputation on its competence, its professional skill, and on the collection of hard data and precise facts; it provides accessible, impartial information on weapons developments, arms transfers and production, and on military expenditure, as well as on arms limitations, reductions, and disarmament.

SIPRI has been involved in CBW disarmament research for over 30 years, and has conducted major research that supported the implementation of the CWC, in many cases with the active participation of PrepCom representatives. The Chemical and Biological Warfare (CBW) Project is one of SIPRI's longest-running research projects, focusing on developments in chemical and biological weapons, and on their actual or alleged use and acquisition, as well as on efforts to obtain effective disarmament measures aiming at their total elimination. After the conclusion of the CWC in 1992, SIPRI identified the following research areas: (a) the implementation and verification of the Convention; (b) the destruction of chemical weapons; (c) old chemical weapons and toxic armament wastes; (d) countering proliferation; and (e) strengthening the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention.

7.

Name of organisation: The Verification, Research, and Information Centre (VERTIC)*
 City: London (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
 Contact person: John Hart

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Activities: Research, publications (including the *Trust & Verify*, *the Verification Yearbook*, *the Verification Organisations Directory*, *Research Reports*, *Briefing Papers*); acts as a clearing-house for verification data, cooperates closely with United Nations bodies and other international organisations, research centres, national governments and NGOs. Vertic has a consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Financial resources: UK and US charitable foundations, Ford Foundation, John Merck Fund, the Ploughshares Fund, Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, the W. Alton Jones Foundation, and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Vertic also accepts commissions from national governments and other organisations.

Membership: Five staff, five members of the board of directors, advised by a 10-person international Verification Consultants Network.

While maintaining a watching brief on all aspects of verification and related issues, the Centre specialises in three areas:

Peace and Security

This encompasses the verification and monitoring of international and intra-national peace agreements.

Arms Control and Disarmament

This covers the verification and monitoring of the whole range of multilateral agreements that seek to limit or ban conventional armaments and weapons of mass destruction. Vertic's current projects pertain to: the verification of the 1996 Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty; the strengthening of nuclear safeguards; the negotiation of a verification protocol to the 1972 Biological Weapons Convention; and monitoring the implementation of the 1997 Landmine Convention.

The Environment

This area of Vertic's work covers any multilateral environmental agreement that has a requirement or provisions for the monitoring and verification of compliance.

8.

Name of organisation: World Veterans' Federation (WVF) *
City: Paris
Country: France
Contact person: Mr William Thomas
Activities: See below
Financial resources: The WVF is funded solely by membership dues
Membership: 170 member associations in 80 countries

One of the statutory objectives of the WVF is to maintain international peace and security through the application of the Charter of the United Nations, and through respect for human rights, and the fundamental liberties contained in the Declaration on Human Rights. One of its main areas of interest is disarmament, and particularly weapons of mass destruction. Through its members and associations in various countries, the WVF informs authorities and public opinion about the Convention. The WVF has consultative status with the UN Social and Economic Council. Its current goal is to promote action by those countries which have not yet ratified the Chemical Weapons Convention.