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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

**INVITATION TO NATIONAL AUTHORITIES OF STATES PARTIES
TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH
APPROVED INSPECTION EQUIPMENT**

1. Since July 1997 the Secretariat has purchased additional items of approved inspection equipment, all of which are listed in the annex to this Note. All of these additional items of inspection equipment conform to the operational requirements and technical specifications approved by the Conference of the States Parties at its First Session. Due to operational requirements, the Secretariat intends to start using these additional items of approved inspection equipment on 1 September 1998.
2. In this regard, the Director-General wishes to draw the attention of States Parties to subparagraph (d) of the text contained in the annex to Conference decision C-I/DEC.71, dated 23 May 1997:

“The National Authority of each State Party should be able to access - in order to satisfy the inspected State Party and to enable it to familiarise itself with all the operational characteristics concerned - each item of equipment contained in the List of Approved Equipment and its use sufficiently prior to its use on the territory of the inspected State Party to ensure familiarity. In case any State Party finds that it is denied such access to any item of equipment approved for inspection purposes, it has the right to deny permission of that equipment for use on its national territory. The Director-General is requested to establish an appropriate mechanism to assist the National Authorities in their familiarisation with the approved equipment and its use.”
3. The Director-General accordingly invites interested States Parties to contact the Secretariat to arrange for their National Authorities to familiarise themselves with the additional items of approved inspection equipment in accordance with the above-mentioned Conference decision. Delegations wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity are requested to make appropriate arrangements in consultation with Mr Il-Hyun Kim, the Head of the Secretariat’s Technical Support Branch (tel. + 31-(0)70-416-3565).

Annex

LIST OF NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASED AND SUPPLIERS

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