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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

**SCHEDULE FOR OPCW OFFICIAL PROFICIENCY TESTS
FOR THE YEAR 2001**

1. With reference to the Note by the Director-General, entitled “Designation of laboratories for the analysis of authentic samples: retention of designation status” (S/86/98, dated 17 November 1998, and Corr.1, dated 18 November 1998), the Director-General wishes to inform Member States of the Secretariat’s schedule for the two OPCW Official Proficiency Tests during 2001. In accordance with the “Guidelines on the designation of laboratories for the analysis of authentic samples” (EC-XX/DEC.3, dated 28 June 2000), the performance ratings achieved by the participants in these proficiency tests will be used in the assessment of their status as OPCW designated laboratories for the year 2001.
2. The schedule for the proficiency tests in 2001 is as follows:
 - 2.1 The Ninth Official Proficiency Test will be conducted in early April 2001. The Secretariat will announce the exact sample dispatch date as soon as the laboratory that will prepare the test samples has been nominated.
 - 2.2 The Tenth Official Proficiency Test will be conducted in early October 2001. The Secretariat will announce the exact sample dispatch date as soon as the two laboratories that will prepare the test samples and evaluate the test results have been nominated.

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