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Secretariat

Verification Division, Technical Support Branch

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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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

1. The Secretariat has purchased a number of additional items of approved inspection equipment, the details of which are listed in the annex to this Note. 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 30 days after the date of this document.
2. In this regard, the Director-General wishes to draw the attention of States Parties to subparagraph (d) of the text in the annex to Conference decision C-I/DEC.71 and Corr.1, both dated 23 May 1997:

“(d) 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 Thomas Cataldo, the Head of the Technical Support Branch (tel. +31-(0)15-215-4602).

Annex: List of new equipment purchased and details of suppliers/manufacturers

Annex

LIST OF NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASED

Approved equipment type and name	Supplier	Type/part no.	Comments
Portable Equipment			
Shoulder Bag	PHA Distribution	Individual Equipment/Shoulder Bag	Supplements old Shoulder Bag
35 mm Camera and Film	Minderman	Canon EOS-50 (and accessories)	New Equipment
Protective and Safety Equipment			
Impermeable Suit	Lisap NV	Respirex, Tyvek TK, Model 14588	Replaces, Geomet Responder™, Shelf life expired.
Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)	VTN Technologies (Protector)	Sabre Contour	Replaces obsolete equipment, except Cylinders

DETAILS OF SUPPLIERS/MANUFACTURERS

Supplier name	Address	City	Post code	Phone no.	Fax. no.	Country
Lisap NV SA	Stationsstraat 22a	Groot Bijgaarden	1702	+32-2-466 5211	+32-2-463 1855	Belgium
Drager Nederland	Edisonstraat 53	Zoetermeer	2700 AH	+31-79-3444702	+31-79-3413803	The Netherlands
Minderman	Juliana van Stolberglaan 177	The Hague	2595 CD	+31 70 385 1500	+31 70 385 0398	The Netherlands
PHA Distribution Ltd.	Gate 2, Lymm Marina Warrington Lane	Lymm, Cheshire	WA13 0SW,	+44-1925-757555	+44-1925-758777	United Kingdom
VTN Industries	Tubantenweg 21	Oss	5340 AD	+31 412 695555	+31 412 625075	The Netherlands

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