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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

**REQUEST OF STATES PARTIES FOR CONTACT DETAILS
FOR SUPPLIERS OF AIR-PERMEABLE
CHEMICAL WEAPONS PROTECTIVE SUITS**

1. The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) wishes to inform States Parties that it will be looking on the market for a replacement for the air-permeable chemical weapons protective suits now used by OPCW inspectors.
2. The Secretariat is of the view that the roster of suppliers of these protective suits should be updated so that it allows a broader geographical range of suppliers to submit tenders, and so that the Secretariat can select a competitively priced protective suit that provides the wearer with the highest level of safety. The suit must conform to the operational requirements and technical specifications approved by the Conference of the States Parties at its First Session (C-I/DEC.71 and Corr.1, both dated 23 May 1997).
3. Accordingly, the Secretariat requests States Parties in which the required item is available to provide it with contact details for their national suppliers. Details should be submitted by 30 November 2006.
4. For further details, interested States Parties should contact Mr Im-Suk Yang, Head of the Technical Support Branch, at +31 (0)15 215 4602.

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