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NEW VERSION OF THE ELECTRONIC DECLARATION TOOL
FOR NATIONAL AUTHORITIES

Introduction

1.   The first version of the electronic declaration tool for National Authorities (EDNA), which enables National Authorities to create and submit Article VI declarations in electronic format, was released in November 2008. As stated at the time of that release, the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter "the Secretariat") will continue to improve and expand the functions of EDNA. Consequently, a new version, Version 2.0, will be launched to coincide with the Eleventh Annual Meeting of National Authorities, to be held from 27 to 29 November 2009.

2.   The new version of EDNA is an enhancement of the first version and introduces a number of additional functions, the most important of which is the ability to process, in addition to other chemical production facilities (OCPF) declarations, the declaration of Schedule 2 and 3 facilities. The module for the declaration of aggregate national data (AND) has been expanded with an option for the automated aggregation of the information on chemicals declared for Schedule 2 and 3 facilities.

3.   Version 2.0 of EDNA can consequently be used to generate annual declarations on past activities (ADPAs) for Schedule 2 and 3 facilities and OCPFs, as well as AND and annual declarations on anticipated activities (ADAAs) for Schedule 2 and 3 facilities.

4.   Although the new version of EDNA has a number of new functions compared to the previous version, care has been taken to keep the user interface as close as possible to the first version of EDNA. The upgrade to Version 2.0 will be automated and data already stored in EDNA will be fully retained when upgrading.

Distribution of EDNA

5.   Member States can receive the EDNA software on a CD-ROM that will be provided to the respective Permanent Representative to the OPCW, or sent to a recipient in the Member State if requested by the Permanent Representative. The EDNA software can also be downloaded from the OPCW external server under the heading "VIS Documents". In addition, a copy of a test version of EDNA on CD-ROM will be

provided to those participating in the training referred to below. The final version will be released by the end of 2009.

6.   Please inform the Secretariat if you would like to obtain the new version of EDNA, and indicate your preferred method for receiving the software. To run and install EDNA, a licence code is required; this code will either be provided together with the CD-ROM or on request to Member States opting to download the software from the OPCW external server.

Training

7.   As was the case with the release of the first version of EDNA, the Secretariat will arrange for training sessions at the OPCW Headquarters. The training sessions are planned for the week in which the Conference of the States Parties meets at its Fourteenth Session, from 30 November to 4 December 2009. The training will be provided at two levels: a basic training course for users with no experience of using EDNA (duration: five hours), and an advanced level for those already proficient in using EDNA Version 1.0 (duration: three hours). All training will be conducted in the English language.

8.   In applying for the training on EDNA Version 2.0, Member States should indicate the names and affiliations of the proposed participants, as well as the preferred date(s) and alternative dates in case the preferred date cannot be accommodated. Member States must also indicate whether the application is for the basic or advanced training. Requests for participation in the training should reach the Secretariat no later than 20 November 2009. Subject to availability of seats, participants may also sign up for the training during the aforementioned Eleventh Annual Meeting of National Authorities.

Point of contact

9.   Please send all requests for receiving the EDNA software and participation in the training course to:

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