NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES

1. In accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”), the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”), at its Twenty-Second Meeting on 28 March 2003, requested that a Special Session of the Conference be convened as early as is practicable but not later than 1 May 2003. Pursuant to Rule 17 of the Rules of Procedure, at the same meeting (EC-M-22/1, dated 28 March 2003) the Council drew up the provisional agenda for this Special Session. The agenda is annexed to this Note.

2. Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure also stipulates that special sessions shall be convened not later than 30 days after the receipt by the Director-General of a request for such a session from the Council, unless specified otherwise in the request. The Director-General hereby notifies all Members of the Organisation that the Second Special Session will open on 30 April 2003 at 15:00 at the Netherlands Congress Centre, and that it is expected to close on the same day.

Annex:

Provisional Agenda of the Second Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties
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1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. The tenure policy of the OPCW
4. Adoption of the report of the Conference of the States Parties
5. Closure