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NEW CATEGORY OF DOCUMENTS BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

1. The Director-General wishes to inform the Member States of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons that, in addition to the categories of documents issued under the headings of the Conference of the States Parties and the Executive Council, for consideration and/or decision by one or both of those bodies, an additional category of documents with the heading "Technical Secretariat" has been created.
2. Under this category the Secretariat will publish communications and information of a general nature which do not require formal consideration and/or decision by either the Conference or the Executive Council, but which the Director-General or a Division of the Secretariat would like to bring to the attention of Member States.
3. This is the first such document. These documents will be circulated to all Member States of the OPCW in the same way as documents of the Conference and the Executive Council, and will normally be translated on the same basis as other official documents of the OPCW.

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