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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

**REGIONAL SEMINAR AND COURSE IN BEIJING, CHINA,
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION**

1. On behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Director-General wishes to invite Member States of the OPCW and signatory States to the Chemical Weapons Convention to propose participants for a regional seminar and course on the Chemical Weapons Convention to be held in Beijing, China, from 9 - 13 September 1998. The programme for this event is presented in annex 1 to this Note.
2. The event will be jointly organised by the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Secretariat of the OPCW in order to provide a forum for States in the Asian region to discuss the Chemical Weapons Convention and to share experiences of its practical implementation, especially at a national level.
3. The event is intended to draw together officials and/or experts from the National Authorities of participating States, as well as from their government ministries and the respective national chemical industries who are, or will be, associated with the implementation of the Convention. The emphasis will be on the multitude of responsibilities which a National Authority might face when preparing for and actually implementing the Convention. The event will focus on those aspects of implementation which are mostly likely to interest States which do not possess chemical weapons.
4. The working language of the event will be English. Only participants with a good working knowledge of that language will accordingly be able to understand and to participate in discussion.
5. The number of seats available at the event is limited, and priority will be given to participants from the Asian region. The Secretariat will be able to sponsor participants from a limited number of States in that region. However, only one participant from a given State may be sponsored in this way.

6. Interested States are invited to ensure that the Secretariat has received the names of proposed participants **not later than 31 July 1998**. All applications, together with the information on each participant requested in the form presented in annex 2 to this Note, should be addressed to the Government Relations and Political Affairs Branch of the External Relations Division, OPCW, Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR The Hague, The Netherlands. Applications may also be submitted by fax (+31-70-306 3535) or by e-mail **GovRelationsBr@opcw.org**
7. Additional information may be obtained from the External Relations Division of the OPCW.

Annex 1

**PROGRAMME OUTLINE FOR THE REGIONAL SEMINAR AND COURSE ON
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION
Beijing, China, 9 - 13 September 1998**

Wednesday 9 September 1998

Opening: Statements by the Chinese hosts and the Director-General of the OPCW

Introduction to the Chemical Weapons Convention

Aspects of implementation of the Convention:

Report from The Hague

A prioritised checklist of tasks

Challenges for the future

Thursday 10 September 1998

Declaration obligations

Inspections: an overview

Articles X and XI: an overview

Friday 11 September 1998

Programme to be finalised by the Chinese hosts

Saturday 12 September 1998

Declaration exercise

Escort procedures during inspections

Legal aspects of national implementation

Sunday 13 September 1998

Inspection exercise

Investigations of alleged use

Article IX: an overview

Identification of declarable facilities

Presentations by National Authorities and open discussion

Annex 2

**BASIC INFORMATION ON PERSONS NOMINATED FOR PARTICIPATION IN
THE REGIONAL SEMINAR AND COURSE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION**

Beijing, China, 9 - 13 September 1998

(PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM USING BLOCK LETTERS.)

1. Family name _____
2. First name _____
3. Nationality _____
4. Passport No. _____
5. Date of issue _____
6. Date of expiry _____
7. Place of issue _____

8. Current contact
address

9. Telephone No. _____
10. Fax No. _____
11. E-mail address _____
12. Area(s) of
expertise _____

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