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**INVITATION TO A REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION WORKSHOP
IN DUBROVNIK, CROATIA, 10 - 12 April 2000**

1. The Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Technical Secretariat invite representatives of Member States, signatory States and the chemical industry to attend a regional workshop on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention, to be held in Dubrovnik, Croatia, from 10 - 12 April 2000.
2. The workshop will provide a framework within which government officials from Member States who are involved in implementation, and representatives of the chemical industry, can discuss their experiences in implementing the Chemical Weapons Convention. Nominations from signatory States on behalf of candidates who will participate at their own expense are also encouraged. The number of places available for candidates from signatory States may be limited, however.
3. The provisional programme of the workshop is attached as annex 1. The detailed programme will be sent to all registered participants in a second circular, which will be issued by the end of February.
4. The Secretariat will be able to sponsor a limited number of participants from National Authorities or other government agencies of Member States in the wider region, on a first come, first served basis. The sponsorship will cover the costs of international travel, transfers between Zagreb and Dubrovnik, as well as accommodation in Dubrovnik. Sponsored participants will be informed separately about the terms and conditions of OPCW sponsorship.
5. Interested participants from Member States as well as signatory States are invited to submit their registration to the Secretariat using the attached form (annex 2) no later than 18 February 2000, together with an indication of whether sponsorship will be required. Additional information on the workshop can be obtained from the International Cooperation and Assistance Division of the OPCW (contact person Ralf Trapp, telephone +31-(0)70-416 3770).

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Annex 1: Provisional programme

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Annex 1**REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION
DUBROVNIK, CROATIA, 10 - 12 APRIL 2000****PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME****Sunday 9 April**

Afternoon: Arrival of participants at Dubrovnik airport, transfer by bus to the Hotel
Excelsior
18:00 Welcoming reception

Monday 10 April

10:00 - 10:15 Welcoming address by a host country representative
10:15 - 10:30 Welcoming address by an OPCW representative
10:30 - 11:15 The Chemical Weapons Convention: an overview of its role, the status of
implementation and future challenges
11:15 - 11:30 Discussion
11:30 - 12:00 Presentations by National Authorities and chemical industry
representatives from participating Member States, exchanges of
information and experiences in implementing the CWC, with particular
emphasis on cooperation with the chemical industry

12:00 - 12:15 *Coffee break*

12:15 - 13:00 Croatia and the CWC/OPCW
13:00 - 13:15 Discussion

13:30 - 14:45 *Lunch*

15:00 - 15:45 The role of the chemical industry in the implementation of the CWC:
declaration requirements and the identification of declarable activities
15:45 - 16:00 Discussion

16:00 - 16:15 *Coffee break*

16:15 - 17:00 Chemical industry inspections: experiences of two years of implementation
and new challenges (DOC inspections)
17:00 - 17:15 Discussion
17:15 - 18:00 National experiences in escorting OPCW inspections and negotiating
facility agreements for chemical industry facilities
18:00 - 18:15 Discussion

20:00 *Reception*

Tuesday 11 April

- 10:00 - 10:45 Regulations under the CWC with respect to exports and imports of scheduled chemicals: an overview
- 10:45 - 11:00 Discussion
- 11:00 - 11:15 *Coffee break*
- 11:15 - 12:15 Experiences in implementing export/import regulations, and the role of customs organisations: round table discussion
- 13:00 - 14:30 *Lunch*
- 15:30 *Sightseeing tour (2 - 3 hours)*
- 20:00 *Reception*

Wednesday 12 April

- 10:00 - 11:00 Protection of confidentiality: an overview of OPCW procedures, followed by an exchange of experiences by National Authorities
- 11:00 - 11:15 *Coffee break*
- 11:15 - 12:00 Advantages of and possibilities for an integrated approach to the implementation of international treaties related to the safe management of chemicals, including the CWC
- 12:00 - 13:00 Promotion of economic, technological and scientific cooperation between States Parties to the CWC: an overview of related OPCW activities and discussion of proposals for regional cooperation in an area particularly relevant to non-possessor states
- 13:15 - 14:30 *Lunch*
- 15:00 - 15:45 Closing session
- 20:00 *Farewell reception hosted by the National Authority of Croatia*

Thursday 13 April

Departure from hotel by bus for Dubrovnik airport
Flight to Zagreb and departure from Croatia

Annex 2

**REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION WORKSHOP
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REGISTRATION FORM

Please submit the completed form by 18 February 2000 to:
International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW, Johan de Wittlaan 32,
2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands, Fax: +31-(0)70 306 3535

(Please use BLOCK LETTERS)

1. Family name	_____
2. First name	_____
3. Date of birth	_____
4. Nationality	_____
5. Gender	Male / Female*
6. Ministry/organisation	_____
7. Passport No.	_____
8. Date of issue	_____
9. Place of issue	_____
10. Date of expiry	_____
11. Contact address	_____
12. Telephone no. (home/work)	_____
13. Fax no. (home/work)	_____
14. E-mail address	_____
15. Academic/professional qualifications	_____
16. Area(s) of expertise	_____
17. Dietary requirements if any (please specify)	_____
18. Is OPCW sponsorship a precondition for participation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

* Delete as appropriate.