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).

Annexes
Annex 1: Provisional programme
Annex 2: Registration form
 REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION
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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

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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 ☐ No ☐

* Delete as appropriate.