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**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON CHALLENGES
AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CWC:
FROM ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION TO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
HAVANA, CUBA, 6 - 8 JUNE 2000**

1. The National Authority of the Republic of Cuba and the Technical Secretariat invite representatives of the National Authorities of Member States in the Latin American and the Caribbean region to participate in a regional workshop on challenges and opportunities in the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention, to be held in Havana, Cuba, from 6 - 8 June 2000.
2. The aims of the workshop are as follows:
 - (a) to promote a better understanding of the benefits available to States Parties under the Convention;
 - (b) to provide an overview of the status of implementation of the Convention and of unresolved issues;
 - (c) to enable the participants to develop an understanding of the purpose and importance of Article X, and of the rights and obligations of States Parties under its provisions on protection and assistance;
 - (d) to provide an overview of assistance-related issues: measures to provide assistance, with illustrative examples, and possible options for States Parties with no chemical protection programmes; and
 - (e) to outline the opportunities for international cooperation in the field of chemistry under Article XI, to identify areas of interest for future projects, and to discuss proposals for the development of a regional platform.
4. The provisional programme of the workshop is attached as annex 1.
5. Spanish - English interpretation services will be available throughout the workshop.

6. The Secretariat will be able to sponsor a limited number of participants, to cover the costs of international travel and accommodation in Havana. Sponsored participants will be informed separately about the terms and conditions of OPCW sponsorship.
7. Interested representatives of National Authorities are invited to complete the attached registration form (annex 2), and to return it to the Secretariat no later than 29 April 2000, together with an indication of whether sponsorship will be required. The completed forms should be sent to the Director, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW, Johan de Wittlaan 32, NL-2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands. The forms may also be submitted by fax (+31-(0)70-306 3535) or by e-mail (IntCoop@opcw.org).
8. Additional information about the workshop may be obtained from the International Cooperation and Assistance Division, at the address specified in the previous paragraph.

Annexes

Annex 1: Provisional programme

Annex 2: Registration form

Annex 1**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME****Regional workshop on challenges and opportunities in the implementation of the CWC:
from assistance and protection to international cooperation
Havana, Cuba, 6 - 8 June 2000****Tuesday, 6 June**

- 09:00 - 09:30 *Registration*
- 09:30 - 10:30 Opening ceremony
Words of welcome by the Host Country
Words of welcome by the Secretariat
- 10:30 - 10:45 *Coffee break*
- 10:45 - 11:30 Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention: from the ideal to
the reality
- 11:30 - 12:15 Learning more about the CWC
- 12:15 - 13:30 *Lunch*
- 13:30 - 14:15 Unresolved issues in the implementation of the CWC: current status and
prospects for the future
- 14:15 - 15:30 The importance of universal adherence to the CWC, and steps to achieve
that goal
- 15:30 - 15:45 *Coffee break*
- 15:45 - 16:30 Trade restrictions under the Convention: how will they affect States not
party?
- 16:30 - 17:15 Compliance measures: the status of preparedness of the OPCW

Wednesday, 7 June

- 09:30 - 09:45 The role of Article X and the implementation of its provisions on
protection
- 09:45 - 10:30 An introduction to protection against chemical weapons and toxic chemicals
- 10:30 - 10:45 *Coffee break*

- 10:45 - 11:30 Implementation of the provisions of the Convention relating to protection: status and practical suggestions on compliance
- 11:30 - 12:15 Integration of preparations to provide protection against chemical weapons with national programmes for the protection of civilians against chemical hazards
- 12:15 - 13:30 Lunch*
- 13:30 - 14:15 The assistance provisions of the Convention
- 14:15 - 15:30 Implementation of the provisions of the Convention relating to assistance: current status and practical suggestions on compliance, Part I
- 15:30 - 15:45 Coffee break*
- 15:45 - 16:30 Implementation of the provisions of the Convention relating to assistance: current status and practical suggestions on compliance, Part II
- 16:30 - 17:15 Investigations of alleged use of chemical weapons, Part I
- 17:15 - 18:00 Investigations of alleged use of chemical weapons, Part II

Thursday, 8 June

- 09:30 - 09:45 The role of Article XI and its provisions
- 09:45 - 10:30 The implementation of Article XI and international cooperation projects
- 10:45 - 11:30 International cooperation projects and future plans
- 11:30 - 12:15 Developing a regional platform for future international cooperation projects: contributions from National Authority representatives
- 12:15 - 12:45 Closing remarks*

Annex 2**REGISTRATION FORM****Regional workshop on challenges and opportunities in the implementation of the CWC:
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Please submit the completed form by 29 April 2000 to: The Director, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW, Johan de Wittlaan 32, NL-2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands.

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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 expiration _____
11. Contact address _____

12. Telephone no. (home/work) _____
13. Fax no. (home/work) _____
14. E-mail address _____
15. Dietary requirements, if any (please specify) _____
16. Is OPCW sponsorship a precondition for participation?
Yes No