AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A WORKSHOP ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES
SEVILLE, SPAIN, 26 - 27 OCTOBER 2000

1. The Government of Spain and the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter the “Secretariat”) invite representatives of Member States and signatory States to attend a workshop on legislative issues related to the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention, including the provisions on the monitoring of transfers of scheduled chemicals and their precursors. The workshop will be held in Seville, Spain, from 26 to 27 October 2000.

2. The workshop will provide a forum in which government officials, particularly those responsible for drafting or proposing amendments to legislative, can discuss their experiences in establishing the necessary regulatory framework for implementing the Chemical Weapons Convention. Signatory States are also encouraged to nominate candidates, who will participate at their own expense.

3. The provisional programme of the workshop is attached as annex 1. Throughout the workshop, interpretation services will be available in English, French and Spanish.

4. In preparation for the workshop, participants are requested to compile brief written reports on each of the following: (1) national chemicals regulations that are currently in force; and (2) national chemicals regulations that are currently being drafted.

5. The Secretariat will be able to sponsor a limited number of representatives of National Authorities or other government agencies of Member States, on a first come, first served basis. The sponsorship will cover the costs of international travel and accommodation during the workshop under the standard OPCW procedures and rates. Sponsored participants will be informed separately about the terms and conditions of OPCW sponsorship.

6. Interested participants from Member States and signatory States are invited to complete the registration form attached (annex 2), and to return it to the Secretariat no later than 8 September 2000, together with an indication of whether sponsorship will be required. Additional information on the workshop can be obtained from the OPCW Office of the Legal Adviser (contact person Lisa Tabassi, telephone +31-(0)70-416 3708).
Annexes
Annex 1: Provisional programme
Annex 2: Registration form
Annex 1

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Thursday, 26 October

10:00 - 10:15 Welcoming address by the President of the Spanish National Authority

10:15 - 10:45 Introduction: The role of legislation in the implementation process
Presentation by the Legal Adviser of the OPCW

10:45 - 11:15 Status of ratification/accession to the Chemical Weapons Convention and legislative issues related thereto; assistance available from the OPCW in the area of drafting legislation
Presentation by the OPCW Office of the Legal Adviser

11:15 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 - 12:00 Regulations under the CWC with respect to exports and imports of scheduled chemicals: an overview
Presentation by the OPCW Office of the Legal Adviser

12:00 - 13:00 Spanish legislation to implement the Chemical Weapons Convention (I):
- Ratification Act
- Penal Code
- Law no. 49/1999 to control dual-use chemicals and precursors
- Regulations creating the National Authority and Permanent Representation
  Presentation by the Spanish National Authority/ Ministry of Science and Technology

13:00 - 13:30 Advantages of and possibilities for an integrated approach to the implementation of international treaties related to the safe management of chemicals, including the CWC
Presentation by the OPCW Office of the Legal Adviser

13:30-14:00 Discussion

14:00-16:00 Lunch
16:00-16:30 Spanish legislation to implement the Chemical Weapons Convention (II):
- International legal instruments: details of the process of implementation in Spain
- Application in the case of the Chemical Weapons Convention and related agreements
Presentation by the International Juridical Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

16:30-17:15 Spanish legislation to implement the Chemical Weapons Convention (III):
Control of transfers; law to suppress contraband; regulation of foreign trade in war materiel and dual-use goods; directives of the European Union
Presentation by the Control of Foreign Trade Branch, Ministry of Economy and Finance

17:15-17:30 Coffee break

17:30-18:00 Cooperation and legal assistance under the Chemical Weapons Convention
Presentation by the OPCW Office of the Legal Adviser

18:00-18:30 Discussion

Friday, 27 October

10:00 - 14:00 Presentations by representatives of participating Member States, and exchanges of information and experiences in establishing the regulatory framework for implementing the CWC (10 - 15 minutes each)

14:00 - 16:00 Lunch

16:00 - 18:00 Experiences in implementing export/import regulations, and the role of customs organisations: round table discussion

18:00 - 18:30 Closing session by the Under-Secretary of Science and Technology and Vice-President of the Spanish National Authority

18:30 Reception
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REGISTRATION FORM

Please submit the completed form by 8 September 2000 to:
International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW, Johan de Wittlaan 32,  
2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands. Fax: +31-(0)70 306 3535
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