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**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).

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**Annex 1**

**WORKSHOP ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES  
Seville, Spain, 26 - 27 October 2000**

**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*

**Annex 2****WORKSHOP ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES****Seville, Spain, 26 - 27 October 2000****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  
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.	_____
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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.