REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION: 
PROMOTING REGIONAL COOPERATION 
IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE SOUTH PACIFIC, 
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, 30 APRIL TO 3 MAY 2001

1. The Royal Australian Chemical Institute, the Government of Australia and the 
   Secretariat wish to announce a joint workshop on the Chemical Weapons Convention: 
   promoting regional cooperation in Southeast Asia and the South Pacific, which is to 
   be held in Melbourne, Australia, from 30 April to 3 May 2001. The Secretariat invites 
   prospective participants from Member States in Southeast Asia and the South Pacific 
   to contact the International Cooperation and Assistance Division for further 
   information.

2. The aim of the workshop is to bring together representatives of national chemical 
   societies and government, so that academia, industry and governments may explore 
   ways to promote cooperation in the Southeast Asian and South Pacific regions in the 
   development and application of chemistry for peaceful purposes, within the context of 
   the Chemical Weapons Convention.

3. The provisional programme for the workshop is annexed hereto. A more detailed 
   programme will be sent to all confirmed participants in a second circular by the end of 

4. The Secretariat will be able to sponsor a limited number of participants from Member 
   States in these regions, on a first come, first served basis. The sponsorship will cover 
   the costs of international travel and accommodation in Melbourne, both of which will 
   be in accordance with the standard OPCW procedures and rates. Sponsored 
   participants will be informed separately about the terms and conditions of OPCW 
   sponsorship.

5. Interested participants from Member States in Southeast Asia and the South Pacific 
   are invited to express their interest to the International Cooperation and Assistance 
   Division no later than 15 January 2001, together with an indication of whether 
   sponsorship will be required.

Annex: Provisional programme
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Regional workshop on the Chemical Weapons Convention:
Promoting regional cooperation in Southeast Asia and the South Pacific,
Melbourne, Australia, 30 April to 3 May 2001

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Monday, 30 April Arrival of participants and welcome reception

Tuesday, 1 May INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Morning Workshop opening and keynote address
Overview of the implications of the Convention for industry, trade, education and research organisations

Afternoon Promoting international cooperation within Southeast Asia and the South Pacific
Experiences in implementation, and related issues
How the Convention is reflected in education

Wednesday, 2 May INDUSTRY ISSUES

Morning The industry inspection process: views of the Secretariat, National Authorities and industry
Pre-inspection briefing

Afternoon Demonstration inspection of a facility producing discrete organic chemicals (DOCs)
Debriefing on the demonstration inspection

Thursday, 3 May ASSISTANCE, PROTECTION AND COOPERATION

Morning Assistance and protection against chemical weapons
Tour of a facility producing Schedule 1 chemicals for protective purposes

Afternoon Group discussions: Promoting international cooperation within Southeast Asia and the South Pacific – ideas and proposals
Closing session

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