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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**

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 February 2001.
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