INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SECOND REGIONAL MEETING OF NATIONAL AUTHORITIES OF STATES PARTIES IN THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN REGION
VIÑA DEL MAR, V REGION, CHILE
27 - 29 MARCH 2001

1. The National Authority of Chile and the OPCW Secretariat (hereinafter "the Secretariat") invite representatives of National Authorities to participate in the second regional meeting of National Authorities of States Parties in the Latin American and Caribbean region (GRULAC), to be held in Viña del Mar, V Region, Chile, from 27 to 29 March 2001.

2. The meeting is being convened in connection with the offer of the Chilean National Authority, made at the First Regional Meeting of National Authorities of States Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean in Lima, Peru, from 28 - 30 March 2000, to host the second meeting of representatives of National Authorities from the region.

3. The meeting is intended to provide a framework within which National Authority representatives can review and discuss issues relating to the following thematic clusters:

   (a) the status of implementation of the Convention in the region: the identification of special regional requirements, and ways of addressing current issues and new challenges;

   (b) verification-related issues: an exchange of experiences, and the availability of assistance in preparing declarations; and

   (c) international cooperation projects in the region: the identification of regional priorities, and proposals for developing a common platform.

4. The provisional programme of the meeting is contained in annex 1 to this invitation.

5. Spanish - English interpretation services will be available throughout the meeting.
6. The Secretariat will be able to sponsor a limited number of participants, to cover the costs of international travel and accommodation in Viña del Mar. Sponsored participants will be informed separately of the terms and conditions for OPCW sponsorship.

7. Interested representatives of National Authorities are invited to complete the registration form contained in annex 2 to this invitation, and to return it to the Secretariat not later than 15 February 2001, together with an indication of whether sponsorship will be required. The forms should be addressed to the Director, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW, Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands. The forms may also be submitted either by fax (+31-(0)70-306 3535) or by e-mail (webmaster@opcw.org).

8. Additional information about the meeting may be obtained from the International Cooperation and Assistance Division of the OPCW, at the address specified in the previous paragraph.

Annexes:
Annex 1: Provisional programme
Annex 2: Registration form
## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

**Tuesday**  
27 March

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<td>Promoting universality in the region: Initiatives and practical steps</td>
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<td>Towards national implementing legislation: Networking to facilitate the implementation of the Convention in the region</td>
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17:00 – 17:45  Improving the quality of declarations  
OPCW Secretariat / National Authorities / Group discussions/exchange of experiences

17:45 – 18:00  Summing-up of deliberations  
Chilean National Authority

19:30 – 21:30  Cocktails

Wednesday  
28 March

9:30 – 10:15  Experiences of inspection conduct in the chemical industry: Developing partnerships with the chemical industry  
OPCW Secretariat / National Authorities / Group discussions/exchange of experiences.

10:15 – 11:00  Inspection procedures and the role of inspectors: Exchanging experiences on the training of escorts for inspections  
National Authorities / Group discussions/exchange of experiences.

11:00 – 11:15  Coffee break

11:15 – 12:00  CWC requirements in relation to trade in scheduled chemicals  
OPCW Secretariat and National Authorities / Group discussions/exchange of experiences.

12:00 – 12:45  Experiences with the implementation of export regulations under the CWC  
National Authorities / Group discussions / exchange of experiences

12:45 – 14:30  Lunch

14:30 – 15:15  Imports and exports: The role of customs in the process of the implementation of the Convention: Potential for regional cooperation.  
National Authorities / Group discussions / exchange of experiences.

15:15 – 16:00  Strengthening the international cooperation and assistance activities of the OPCW  
OPCW Secretariat / National Authorities

16:00 – 16:15  Coffee break

16:15 – 17:00  Status of implementation of Article X: A regional perspective  
OPCW Secretariat / National Authorities
17:00 – 17:45  OPCW International Cooperation Programmes: National and regional research projects seeking OPCW sponsorship  National Authorities

17:45 – 18:00  Summing-up of deliberations  Chilean National Authority

Thursday 29 March

9:30 – 10:15  The Third National Authority Day and GRULAC participation  OPCW Secretariat / National Authorities

10:15 – 11:00  The Sixth Session of the Conference of the States Parties and preparations for the First Review Conference  OPCW Secretariat / National Authorities

11:00 – 11:15  Coffee break

11-15 – 12:00  The Third Annual Meeting of GRULAC National Authorities  Chilean National Authority / National Authorities

12:00 – 12:30  Conclusions and recommendations of the meeting of GRULAC National Authorities  Chilean National Authority / National Authorities

12:30 – 13:00  Closing ceremony  Chilean National Authority
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REGISTRATION FORM
Please return the completed form by 15 February 2001 to: International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW,
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Fax: +31-(0)70-306 3535; E-mail: webmaster@OPCW.org

Please use BLOCK LETTERS
1 Family name
2 First name
3 Date of birth
4 Nationality
5 Gender Male/Female
6 Ministry/organisation (National Authority)
7 Passport Nº ___________ Place of issue: city _______ Country ____________
   Date of issue ______________ Date of expiry: ______________
8 Contact address - home
9 Telephone no.
10 Fax no.
11 Contact address - work
12 Telephone no.
13 Fax no.
14 E-mail address
15 Academic/professional qualifications
16 Area(s) of expertise
17 Time spent working at the National Authority or implementing the CWC in your country
18 Dietary requirements, if any (please specify)
19 Is OPCW sponsorship a precondition for participation? Yes No

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