NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

LEGAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: MEETING OF THE 
OPCW NETWORK OF LEGAL EXPERTS
THE HAGUE, 4 – 7 NOVEMBER 2003

1. As announced in the Note by the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) entitled “Legal Technical Assistance: Network of Legal Experts” (S/363/2003, dated 28 May 2003), a meeting of the OPCW Network of Legal Experts will be convened at OPCW headquarters in The Hague from 4 to 7 November 2003.

2. The provisional programme for the meeting is annexed to this Note.

3. In preparation for the meeting, all participants are requested to:

(a) prepare a presentation lasting no more than 10 minutes that:

(i) discusses the status in their countries of national implementing legislation for the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) and any problems that have been encountered and resolved in drafting it;

(ii) lists any outstanding problems, and indicates what assistance, if any, is still needed to resolve them; and

(iii) indicates what legal assistance, if any, has already been provided with the drafting of legislation; and

(iv) gives the projected date, where applicable, for the adoption of legislation;

(b) bring to the meeting either draft legislation, so that it can be discussed in a working group, or (if it has not already been submitted to the Secretariat) the implementing legislation in force in their countries, or both; and
(c) review and download the background information for the meeting, which can be found under “Legal” on the OPCW website, and which includes the document entitled “Checklist for the Legislator” (available in six languages), model legislation, and examples of national implementing legislation.

4. Additional information about the meeting may be obtained from the Office of the Legal Adviser. The contact person is Lisa Tabassi, who can be reached by telephone at +31 (0)70 416 3708 or by e-mail at legal@opcw.org.

Annex:

Provisional Programme
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MEETING OF THE OPCW NETWORK OF LEGAL EXPERTS
OPCW HEADQUARTERS
THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS
4 – 7 NOVEMBER 2003

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

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**Monday, 3 November**

16:00 – 18:00 Registration

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**Tuesday, 4 November**

08:00 Registration

09:00 Opening ceremony:
   Opening address by Brian Hawtin, Deputy Director-General
   Introduction by Isaac K. Minta, Acting Legal Adviser

09:30 Coffee break
10:00 Legislative Requirements under the CWC¹, by Mtshana M. Ncube, Special Adviser for Legal Affairs
Enforcement of the CWC, by Lisa Tabassi, Legal Officer
The Action Plan for Article VII, by Ralf Trapp, Senior Policy Adviser
Privileges and Immunities of the OPCW, Delegates, the Director-General and Staff, by Samir Mechken, Acting Legal Officer

12:30 Lunch

14:00 National presentations:
Brief presentations by the members of the Network of Legal Experts on the status of CWC implementing legislation in their countries, including problems encountered and/or resolved, outstanding issues, legal assistance provided, and assistance needs

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 National presentations, continued

17:30 Consultations with assistance providers (no interpretation)

18:30 Adjournment

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**Wednesday, 5 November**

09:00 National presentations, continued
10:30 Coffee break
11:00 National presentations, continued
12:30 Lunch
14:00 National presentations, continued
15:30 Coffee break
16:00 National presentations, continued
16:30 The Legal Module on the OPCW Website: by Scott Spence, Harvard Sussex Researcher
17:00 Establishment of working groups and coordination of work for Thursday and Friday
17:30 Bilateral consultations with assistance providers (no interpretation)
18:30 Adjournment

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**Thursday, 6 November**

09:00 Working-group consultations on draft legislation in Arabic, English, French, Russian, and Spanish)
10:30 Coffee break
11:00 Working groups, continued
13:00 Lunch
14:00 Working groups, continued
15:30 Coffee break
16:00 Working groups, continued
18:00 Adjournment

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¹ The Chemical Weapons Convention
**Friday, 7 November**

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