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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIAL OPCW PROFICIENCY TESTS IN 2005

1. The Director-General wishes to inform Member States of the schedule and arrangements for the two official OPCW proficiency tests, the seventeenth and the eighteenth, to be conducted in 2005.
2. The tests will be conducted in accordance with the following OPCW procedures:
 - (a) “Standard Operating Procedure for the Organisation of OPCW Proficiency Tests”, QDOC/LAB/SOP/PT1;
 - (b) “Work Instruction for the Preparation of Test Samples for OPCW Proficiency Tests”, QDOC/LAB/WI/PT2; and
 - (c) “Work Instruction for the Evaluation of Results of OPCW Proficiency Tests”, QDOC/LAB/WI/PT3.
3. The arrangements for the tests are as follows:
 - (a) The samples for the seventeenth test will be dispatched on 1 April 2005. The Wehrwissenschaftliches Institut für Schutztechnologien – ABC Schutz in Germany will prepare the test samples, and the Edgewood Chemical and Biological Forensic Analytical Center in the United States of America will assist in the evaluation of the results.
 - (b) The samples for the eighteenth test will be dispatched on 7 October 2005. The Departement Laboratoria van Defensie in Belgium will prepare the test samples, and the Finnish Institute for Verification of the Chemical Weapons Convention (VERIFIN) in Finland will assist in the evaluation of the results.

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