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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIAL OPCW PROFICIENCY TESTS IN 2007

1. The Director-General wishes to inform Member States of the schedule and arrangements for the two official OPCW proficiency tests, the twenty-first and the twenty-second, to be conducted in 2007.
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 test schedule is as follows:
 - (a) The samples for the twenty-first test will be dispatched on 20 April 2007. The Laboratory of Analytical Chemistry at the Research Institute of Chemical Defence, in China, 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 twenty-second test will be dispatched on 5 October 2007. The Laboratory for Chemical Weapons Convention Verification at the Military Institute of Chemistry and Radiometry, in Poland, will prepare the test samples, and the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory, in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, will assist in the evaluation of the results.

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