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**UPDATE ON THE OPCW INDUSTRY AND PROTECTION FORUM
1 AND 2 NOVEMBER 2007**

1. In S/651/2007, dated 16 July 2007, the Director-General invited representatives of the chemical industry, National Authorities, national institutions, laboratories, and the scientific and academic communities to attend the OPCW Industry and Protection Forum. The Forum is being organised by the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) in connection with the tenth anniversary of the entry into force of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”).
2. The Forum will take place on 1 and 2 November 2007 at the World Forum Convention Centre (WFCC) in The Hague, the Netherlands.
3. Financial support for the Forum is being provided under European Union (EU) Joint Action 2007/185/CFSP, dated 19 March 2007, in support of OPCW activities in the framework of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction.
4. Support has also been provided by the European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC) and the International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA).
5. In the present Note, the Director-General is pleased to provide further details on the Forum. In addition, the provisional programme is annexed hereto.

Overall objectives of the Industry and Protection Forum

6. The Forum will promote the implementation of the Convention and awareness of its requirements, and will discuss practical experience gained in implementing it. It will also help foster international cooperation in key areas relevant to the Convention. In addition, it will:
 - (a) contribute to building synergies and strengthening collaboration among the chemical industry, the OPCW, National Authorities, relevant international organisations and national institutions, and laboratories;
 - (b) discuss how the OPCW can adapt to the new security environment and the changing nature of the chemical industry, and how it can help enhance the safety and security of chemical plants and shipments; and



- (c) promote the universality of the Convention, with invitations being sent to representatives of the chemical industry in signatory States.
7. Participants will also discuss the possible establishment of a platform for consultation and cooperation among governments, the chemical industry, and the OPCW on the issues to be addressed by the Forum. Such a platform could also be used, as needed, to launch and coordinate future events and activities that are planned under the auspices of the Forum.
 8. The proceedings of the Forum, including papers and summaries of discussions, will be published.
 9. All activities during the Forum will be conducted in English, and no interpretation services will be provided. Participants should therefore have a good command of English.

Subject areas the Forum will cover

10. The Forum will include three workshops that will be run in two parallel sessions, as set out hereunder. There will be one workshop in session A, and two in session B.

Session A

Workshop 1: Issues surrounding verification and implementation that are of relevance to the chemical industry, including sampling and analysis

11. Participants in this workshop will discuss measures the chemical industry is taking with regard to controls on the trade in dual-use chemicals, as well as steps that governments are taking to prevent the proliferation of chemical weapons, including those steps required under the Convention. Participants will also discuss the evolution of the verification regime under the Convention in relation to the chemical industry, and will consider such topics as the results of a CEFIC project on the use of Chemical Abstracts Service registry numbers.
12. The workshop will also look at industry inspections, and in particular at the use of sampling and analysis. Experts in sampling and analysis and verification, and specialists from the chemical industry, will also be able to discuss a range of topics related to sampling and analysis during industry inspections, including the following:
 - (a) the protection of confidential company information in the context of sampling and analysis, including through the use of specialised OPCW software;
 - (b) the need to build the chemical industry's confidence in this aspect of sampling and analysis; and
 - (c) future requirements and plans.

Session B

Workshop 2: Assistance and protection

13. This workshop will discuss issues related to the development of effective local, national, regional, and international mechanisms to respond to emergencies resulting from the use or threat of use of chemical weapons. It will focus in particular on capacity-building, and will provide an opportunity to assess the practical experiences of other international agencies and States Parties that have been involved in this area. Based on these considerations, it will draw conclusions for future work.

Workshop 3: Safety and security at chemical plants

14. Strengthening the safety and security of chemical plants and preventing the intentional release of toxic chemicals throughout the supply chain are core responsibilities of the chemical industry, which it carries out as part of its efforts to prevent the misuse of toxic chemicals. This workshop will provide a forum where States Parties and the chemical industry can exchange ideas about the safety and security of chemical plants. It will help to raise awareness of, and disseminate, best industry practices, and will promote the exchange of ideas and expertise. Participants will also discuss the experience gained in the implementation of the ICCA Responsible Care[®] Global Charter, the role of a company's trade compliance officer, and the experience gained by other international agencies.

Further information

15. The provisional programme for the Forum is annexed hereto.
16. Further information on the programme may be obtained from the Chairperson of the Forum Organising and Programme Committee, Mr Krzysztof Paturej, who is also Director of the Office of Special Projects in the Secretariat. Mr Paturej's contact details appear below, in paragraph 23.

A thematically focussed, non-commercial exhibition

17. From 8:00 to 18:00 on 1 November and from 8:00 to 13:00 on 2 November 2007, a thematically focussed, non-commercial exhibition will be held at the WFCC in parallel with the aforementioned workshops and as an integral part of the Forum. Exhibits will include state-of-the-art equipment and software for such purposes as responding to chemical emergencies. Information will also be available on how the OPCW carries out its mandate.

Registration

18. Those wishing to participate in the Forum are invited to contact the Office of Special Projects, OPCW, Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands, by fax at +31 (0)70 416 3499, or by e-mail at osp@opcw.org.
19. More information about the Forum and registration can be found on the Forum Web site (www.opcwipf.org).

Sponsorship, and travel and accommodation

20. The deadline for the submission of applications for sponsorship has now expired. A number of participants from States Parties whose economies are developing have been sponsored to attend the Forum.
21. Participants are requested to obtain any necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to the Netherlands.
22. Participants who have not been sponsored are advised to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. However, it should be noted that the Secretariat has arranged a special group rate of EUR 113 (including breakfast) with the Golden Tulip Bel Air Hotel, which is a 3-minute walk from the WFCC. Participants are requested to make their own reservations. The hotel's contact details are as follows:

Telephone: +31 (0)70 352 5352

Fax: +31 (0)70 352 5385

E-Mail: reservations@goldentulipbelairhotel.nl

Web site: www.goldentulipbelairhotel.nl

Inquiries and contact information

23. As noted above, inquiries about the provisional programme for the Forum should be addressed to Mr Paturej, whose contact details are as follows:

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Fax: +31 (0) 70 416 34 99

E-Mail: paturej@opcw.org

24. Inquiries may also be made of the Forum project manager, Dr Ralf Trapp, at ralf.trapp@gmail.com.
25. Other contact persons in the Secretariat are Mr Irakli Beridze, Special Projects Officer, whose telephone number is +31 (0)70 416 3073, and Ms Dorith van Iterson-Hazewijer, who can be reached at +31 (0)70 416 3874. The Office of Special Projects can be reached by fax at +31 (0)70 416 3499, and by e-mail at osp@opcw.org.
26. Any questions regarding registration should be addressed to Ms Anna van den Boogaard at registration@opcwipf.org.

Annex:

Provisional Programme

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time	Activity
<i>Thursday, 1 November 2007</i>	
8:00 – 8:45	Arrival of participants, and registration
Opening plenary session	
9:00 – 9:45	<p>Opening address by OPCW Director-General Rogelio Pfirter, Chairperson of the Industry and Protection Forum</p> <p>Statement by Mr Rene van Sloten, European Chemical Industry Council CEFIC</p> <p>Statement by Ms Ana Gomes, Vice-President of the Committee of Security and Defence of the European Parliament</p> <p>Statement by a senior Government official from the Host Country</p> <p>Overview of the Forum by Mr Krzysztof Paturej, Chairperson of the Forum Organising and Programme Committee and Director of the Office of Special Projects, OPCW</p>
Workshops	
<i>Three workshops will run in two parallel sessions.</i>	
10:00 – 13:00	<p>Session A, workshop 1, on issues surrounding verification and implementation that are of relevance to the chemical industry, including sampling and analysis <i>Convener: Dr Ralf Trapp, Forum project manager</i></p> <p>Mr Detlef Männig, Evonik Degussa, Germany “Industry Experiences with Industry Verification, including Sampling and Analysis”</p> <p>Mr Hannu Vornamo, Director-General, Chemical Industry Federation of Finland “Confidentiality Viewpoints in Industrial Inspections”</p> <p>Mr Pietro Fontana, SGCI Chemie Pharma, Switzerland “Results of the CEFIC Project on Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Numbers”</p> <p>Mr Per Runn, Head, Policy Review Branch, Verification Division, OPCW “The OPCW Sampling-and-Analysis Concept”</p> <p>Mr Gary Mallard, Head, OPCW Laboratory “The OPCW’s Dual-Mode Software: How to Protect Company Information”</p> <p>Mr. Irvin Swahn, Inspection Team Leader, OPCW “The Logistics of Sampling and Analysis”</p>

Time	Activity
10:00 – 13:00	<p>Session B, workshop 2, on assistance and protection <i>Convener: Mr Hassan Mashhadi</i></p> <p>Mrs Kalimi Mworira, Director, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW “The Status of implementation of Article X of the Convention since Its Entry into Force”</p> <p>Mr Gennadi Lutay, Head, Assistance and Protection Branch, OPCW “Implementation of the Provisions of the Convention on Assistance and Protection, and Challenges for the Future”</p> <p>Mr Renato Carvalho, Head, Inspectorate Management Branch, OPCW “Report on Joint Assistance 2005, a Field Exercise on the Delivery of Assistance and on Investigations of Alleged Use of Chemical Weapons”</p> <p>Mr Istvan Erdoss, Staff Officer, Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Center of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization “Lessons Learned from the Joint OPCW/EADRCC Field Exercise, Joint Assistance 2005”</p> <p>Presentations (each no longer than 15 minutes) by States Parties involved in assistance-and-protection activities, including national, regional, and international capacity-building initiatives:</p> <p><u>Switzerland</u> Mr Bernard Jeanty, Head of Arms Control and Disarmament Policy, Federal Department of Defence “The Swiss Contribution to the Implementation of Article X”</p> <p><u>South Africa</u> Ms Devina Naidoo, South African Council for Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction <i>Title to be determined</i></p>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch at the WFCC</i>
14:00 – 18:00	<p>Session A, workshop 1, continued</p> <p><u>There will be a break for tea and coffee from 15:30 to 16:00</u></p> <p>National perspectives on sampling and analysis in case studies of chemical-industry inspections</p> <p><u>Switzerland</u> Mr Dominique Werner, Head of Unit, Arms Control and Disarmament, Spiez Laboratory</p>

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	<p><u>United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland</u> Mr Martin Rudduck, Head, Chemical Weapons Convention National Authority, Department of Trade and Industry</p> <p><u>The Netherlands</u> Ms Katja Nakken, Policy Officer, Ministry of Economic Affairs</p> <p><u>Italy</u> General G. Tracci, Senior Adviser, Office of the National Authority for the Implementation of WMD Disarmament Treaties, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p><u>Japan</u> Mr. Hiroyuki Machida, National Authority of Japan</p> <p><u>China</u> <i>Speaker to be determined</i></p> <p>Mr Bill Kane, Head, Industry Verification, Verification Division, OPCW “Sampling and Analysis in Industry Inspections: Current and Future Practice”</p>
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Session B, workshop 2, continued</p> <p>Presentations, continued:</p> <p><u>Slovakia</u> Ms Ditta Ciganikova, Slovak National Authority <i>Title to be determined</i></p> <p><u>United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland</u> Mr. Clive Rowland, Counter-Proliferation and Arms Control Directorate, Ministry of Defence</p> <p><u>The Netherlands</u> Mr. Piet Aantjes, Head, Operations Preparations, Unified Fire Department, Industry and Port, Rotterdam Region</p>
14:00 – 18:00	<p>Session B, workshop 3, on safety and security at chemical plants <i>Convener: Mr. Sergey Batsanov, Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs</i></p> <p><u>There will be a break for tea and coffee from 15:30 to 16:00</u></p> <p>Mr Robert Mathews, Head, NBC Arms Control, Defence Science and Technology Organisation, and Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Melbourne “Chemical Threats in the Age of Terrorism: Raising the Barriers to Chemical Terrorism”</p> <p><i>Speaker to be determined</i> Presentation on the outcome of the meeting on chemical security in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia</p>

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	<p>Mr Jeff Pifer, Director, Global Security Chemtura “Experiences in the Implementation of the Responsible Care[®] Management System, and Proven Results for Safeguarding and Securing Facility Processes”</p> <p>Mr Günter Schiefer, Emergency Services and Security Leader, Dow Chemical “A Global Company’s Risk-Based Approach to Implementing Security Measures Using the Responsible Care[®] Security Code”</p> <p>Mr. Karlheinz Schnägelberger, Director, Export Control and Customs Regulations, Merck, Germany, “The Role of the Trade Compliance Manager in the Management of a Company’s Export-Control Systems”</p> <p>Dr. Igor Khripunov, Associate Director, Center for International Trade and Security, University of Georgia, the United States of America “Developing a Security Culture: “Leadership, Motivation and Training for Enhanced Employee Awareness regarding Effective Security at Chemical Facilities”</p> <p>Mr Peter Gridling, Head, Serious Crime Department, Terrorism Unit, Europol <i>Title to be determined</i></p> <p><i>Speakers to be determined</i> Experiences of other international organisations</p>
<i>Friday, 2 November 2007</i>	
9:00 – 10:30	<p>Joint Session in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of National Authorities</p> <p>Statement by OPCW Director-General Rogelio Pfirter, Chairperson of the Industry and Protection Forum</p> <p>Statement by Mr Jack Gerard of the ICCA</p> <p>Presentation of key findings from each workshop</p>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Break for tea and coffee</i>
Concluding plenary session	
11:30 – 12:30	<p>Discussion of key findings from the three workshops</p> <p>Wrap-up discussion: identification of opportunities, and the way forward</p> <p>Closing statements</p>