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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

**INVITATION TO NATIONAL AUTHORITIES OF STATES PARTIES
TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH
NEWLY PROCURED ITEMS OF APPROVED EQUIPMENT**

1. The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) wishes to inform States Parties that it has procured a number of additional items of inspection equipment that conform to the operational requirements and technical specifications approved by the Conference of the States Parties at its First Session (C-I/DEC. 71 and Corr. 1, both dated 23 May 1997). To meet operational needs, the Secretariat intends to start using these items 30 days after the date on which this Note is issued. Details on the items of equipment and their suppliers are listed in the Annex to this Note.
2. In this regard, the Director-General wishes to draw the attention of the States Parties to subparagraph (d) on page 3 of the Annex to the aforementioned decision:

“(d) the National Authority of each State Party should be able to access – in order to satisfy the inspected State Party and to enable it to familiarise itself with all the operational characteristics concerned – each item of equipment contained in the List of Approved Equipment and its use sufficiently prior to its use on the territory of the inspected State Party to ensure familiarity. In case any State Party finds that it is denied such access to any item of equipment approved for inspection purposes, it has the right to deny permission of that equipment for use on its national territory. The Director-General is requested to establish an appropriate mechanism to assist the National Authorities in their familiarisation with the approved equipment and its use.”
3. The Director-General accordingly invites National Authorities interested in familiarising themselves with the newly procured equipment and how it is used, to contact Mr Im-Suk Yang, Head of the Secretariat’s Technical Support Branch, at +31 (0)15 215 4602, to make appropriate arrangements.

Annex:

List of Newly Procured Equipment and Supplier Details



Annex**LIST OF NEWLY PROCURED EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIER DETAILS****NEWLY PROCURED EQUIPMENT**

Description	Supplier	Type	Remarks
Air-permeable CW protective suit	Blücher GmbH	Saratoga (one-piece suit)	The fabric is the same as previous Saratoga suits used by OPCW inspectors. The difference is purely in the design, i.e., one piece compared to the previous two-piece suit
Satellite-link telephone	2 Connect-IT B. V.	Thrane & Thrane Explorer 700 BGAN	

SUPPLIER DETAILS

Supplier	Address	Phone and Fax Nos.
Blücher GmbH	Mettmanner Strasse. 25 D-40699 Erkrath Germany	Tel.: +49 211 924 4292 Fax: +49 211 924 418292
2 Connect-IT B. V.	Dorpstraat 173 5504 HE Veldhoven The Netherlands	Tel.: +31 40 295 3001 Fax: +31 40 295 3002

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