NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

MEETING FOR THE USERS OF THE ELECTRONIC DECLARATION TOOL FOR NATIONAL AUTHORITIES

Introduction

1. The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) released the first version of its Electronic Declaration tool for National Authorities (EDNA, Version 1.0) in parallel with the Annual Meeting of the National Authorities held from 29 to 30 November 2008 (S/714/2008, dated 15 October 2008). This release was complemented by training on the software package for National Authority personnel.

User-group forum

2. For the further development of EDNA, the Secretariat will remain in close contact with the users to ensure that their views and comments are taken into account. A first meeting at the OPCW headquarters for this purpose is planned for the morning of Wednesday, 27 May 2009. This meeting will follow on from the informal consultations on industry-related issues taking place on 26 May 2009.

3. This meeting, a user-group forum, will allow the users of EDNA to meet and share experiences, and to provide the Secretariat with feedback. Users wishing to make presentations at the meeting are requested to send a copy of the presentation in electronic form to the address below no later than 20 May 2009. For those users of EDNA who are unable to participate in this forum, the Secretariat welcomes comments by e-mail or written communication.

4. If requested, training on EDNA can be arranged for the afternoon of 27 May 2009. Please contact the VIS Project Manager for further details.

Point of contact

5. Please send all requests for information on the user-group forum or requests for training on EDNA to:

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