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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIAL OPCW PROFICIENCY TESTS IN 2010

1. The Director-General wishes to inform Member States of the schedule and arrangements for the two official OPCW proficiency tests, the twenty-seventh and the twenty-eighth, to be conducted in 2010.
2. The tests will be conducted in accordance with the following set of quality documents:
 - (a) “Standard Operating Procedure for the Organisation of OPCW Proficiency Tests”, QDOC/LAB/SOP/PT01;
 - (b) “Work Instruction for the Preparation of Test Samples for OPCW Proficiency Tests”, QDOC/LAB/WI/PT02; and
 - (c) “Work Instruction for the Evaluation of Results of OPCW Proficiency Tests”, QDOC/LAB/WI/PT03.
3. The test schedule is as follows:
 - (a) The twenty-seventh test sample dispatch is tentatively scheduled to take place on 16 April 2010. The Finnish Institute for Verification of the Chemical Weapons Convention (VERIFIN), Finland, will prepare the test samples. The Laboratory of Analytical Chemistry, Research Institute of Chemical Defence (RICD), China, will assist in the evaluation of the results.
 - (b) The twenty-eighth test sample dispatch is tentatively scheduled to take place on 8 October 2010. The Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl), Porton Down, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, will prepare the test samples. The Verification Laboratory, DSO National Laboratories, Singapore, will assist in the evaluation of the results.

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