



OPCW

Technical Secretariat

Office of the Deputy Director-General

S/818/2010

1 March 2010

Original: ENGLISH

NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

**CALL FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TRUST FUND OF THE
SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD**

1. The Director-General, in a Note by the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat) (S/563/2006, dated 13 April 2006) established a trust fund to support those activities of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) that cannot be covered under the OPCW annual Programme and Budget, given the limitations set forth in the decision on the establishment of the SAB (operative paragraph 3 of C-II/DEC.10/Rev.1, dated 2 December 2004). The main purpose of this trust fund is to enable the Director-General to fund activities, such as one additional session of the SAB per year and the meetings of its temporary working groups (TWGs), thus increasing the overall efficiency of the SAB. The Second Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention encouraged States Parties generally to consider supporting the work of the SAB by making voluntary contributions to the SAB trust fund (paragraph 9.132 of RC-2/4, dated 18 April 2008).
2. In 2010, the Secretariat plans to convene the fifth meeting of the TWG on sampling and analysis, in order to enable the experts of the group to continue addressing the questions of identification of requirements with regard to toxin analysis and trace analysis. The Secretariat also plans to convene an additional session of the SAB, to enable it to continue discussing questions related to developments in science and technology.
3. The Director-General attaches great importance to the contributions by the SAB to the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) and hopes that States Parties will decide in favour of making contributions to the SAB trust fund.
4. The operation of the trust fund is subject to the guidelines and rules adopted for it (S/563/2006) and the applicable Financial Regulations and Rules, including internal and external audits and reporting on the fund’s operation to the States Parties on a regular basis.



5. States Parties that wish to make a voluntary contribution to the trust fund are invited to make the necessary transfers to the following account by no later than 30 June 2010:

BENEFICIARY : OPCW TRUST FUND SCIENTIFIC BOARD
ACCOUNT NUMBER : 42 67 17 767
BANK NAME : ABN AMRO BANK, THE NETHERLANDS
IBAN NUMBER : NL46 ABNA 0426 7177 67
BIC/SWIFT CODE : ABNANL2A

6. The Secretariat wishes to express in advance its gratitude to those States Parties that decide to make a voluntary contribution to the trust fund in 2010. That support will be recognised in reports on the activities sponsored from the trust fund and in any publications that may emanate from this work.

Annex: Tentative Schedule of Meetings of the Scientific Advisory Board in 2010

Annex

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS
OF THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD IN 2010**

1. November 2010: Meeting of the TWG on sampling and analysis. The objective of the meeting will be to identify requirements with regard to toxin analysis and trace analysis. This will be a two-day meeting, at an estimated cost of EUR 30,000.
2. November 2010: Additional session of the SAB. The session will focus on the continuation of discussions on questions related to developments in science and technology and their impact on the Convention. This will be a three-day session, at an estimated cost of EUR 70,000, which includes interpretation (five languages).

- - - 0 - - -