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### NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

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

1. In a Note (S/563/2006, dated 13 April 2006) by the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”), the Director-General informed States Parties of the OPCW that a trust fund had been established to support those activities of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) that cannot be covered under the annual Programme and Budget of the OPCW, 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. The Conference of the States Parties at its Fifteenth Session requested the Director-General “to internally establish efficiencies and priorities within the aforementioned appropriations for 2011, to provide the necessary resources to enable the hosting of a second session of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) during 2011” (operative subparagraph 3(e) of C-15/DEC.6, dated 2 December 2010).
3. In 2011, the Secretariat plans to convene the sixth 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. This would be a two-day meeting, at an estimated cost of EUR 30,000.
4. The Director-General attaches great importance to the contributions of the SAB to the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention, and hopes that States Parties will decide in favour of making contributions to the SAB trust fund.
5. 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, which include



oversight by means of internal and external audits and the reporting on the operation of the fund to the States Parties on a regular basis.

6. 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 2011:

**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

7. 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 2011. Their support will be recognised in reports on the activities sponsored from the trust fund and in any publications that may emanate from that work.

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