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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).
2. The main purpose of this trust fund is to enable the Director-General to fund activities, such as the meetings of the SAB’s temporary working groups and other intersessional work, in order to increase 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).
3. States Parties may wish to bear in mind that:
  - (a) In 2012, the Director-General plans to convene the seventh meeting of the temporary working group on sampling and analysis, in order to enable the group to finalise work on the remaining issues on its agenda (this would be a two-day meeting, at an estimated cost of EUR 20,000 to 30,000).
  - (b) It would be helpful to advance analysis of relevant scientific and technological development between the formal sessions of the SAB, drawing in part on external capability, in addition to the expertise held by the SAB. For example, the temporary working group on the convergence of chemistry and biology recommended the conduct of a survey involving relevant biotechnology industry representatives on the range of chemicals currently being produced using biologically-mediated processes; and
  - (c) In support of broader and more effective outreach to the global scientific community, it would be useful to sponsor the engagement of SAB members at



scheduled science and technology events (e.g. one member per event at 10 events per year).

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. Contributions can be in the form of voluntary contributions or, for instance, the return of any cash surplus to be distributed to the States Parties in accordance with Financial Regulation 6.3 (C-15/DEC.5, dated 1 December 2010). The trust fund can also accept contributions from other sources, including non-governmental organisations, institutions, or private donors.
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:  
  
**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. It would be helpful to receive any contributions in the first half of 2012 so as to ensure that the envisaged activities can take place.
8. 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 2012.

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