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**NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

**EUROPEAN UNION-SPONSORED DAY FOR NATIONAL AUTHORITIES**

**1 DECEMBER 2008**

1. At the request of the European Union (EU), the Director-General is pleased to convey an invitation from the EU to National Authorities to participate in an EU-sponsored day, which will take place in the Ieper Room at the OPCW headquarters on 1 December 2008.
2. The aim of the EU-sponsored day is to have an interactive workshop to assist National Authorities with capacity-building in respect of the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) and to enhance their dialogue with the industry. In addition, the participation is expected of chemical industry associations from Europe and other regions, as well as of representatives of those industries that have provided industry training in their facilities for participants in the OPCW Associate Programme.
3. The morning session will focus on the provision of information on the import and export of scheduled chemicals, Article X submissions, and legal aspects related to the implementation of the Convention. The afternoon session will be devoted to the preparation for and handling of industry inspections, the enhancement of capacity-building through training in the chemical industry, and the advancement of the Responsible Care® Programme. It is expected that the involvement of the chemical industry will stimulate further seminars and exchanges of views, leading to the development of existing or future programmes of cooperation. A copy of the programme is attached.
4. Furthermore, there will be a luncheon presentation, chaired by an EU representative, on the implementation of the Convention and how it contributes to the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540.
5. The European Union hopes that this programme will be of interest to all States Parties.

Annex: Programme



## Annex

**EUROPEAN UNION SPONSORED DAY  
CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR NATIONAL AUTHORITIES  
1 DECEMBER 2008  
IEPER ROOM  
OPCW HEADQUARTERS**

## PROGRAMME

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
09:00 – 09:30	Introduction by the Director-General of the OPCW and an EU Representative
	<b>I. National Implementation</b>
09:30 – 10:15	<b>Presentation: The Import and Export of Scheduled Chemicals; the Convention Regime</b> Objective: To present the requirements of the Convention in relation to imports and exports Discussion of several models for implementation
10:15 – 11:00	<b>Presentation: Article X Submissions</b>
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15 – 12:30	<b>Legal Workshop I: Basic Requirements for the Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention at the National Level</b> Objective: To present the models that can be used for effective implementation of the Convention  <b>Legal Workshop II: Discussion of Selected Issues Related to Implementing Legislation</b> Objective: To present and discuss issues related to concrete drafts currently under preparation by States Parties
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i> <b>Luncheon Presentation Chaired by a Representative of the EU: Implementation of the Convention and its Contribution Towards the Implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540</b>
	<b>II. Capacity-building and Industry Outreach</b>
	The second element of the EU-sponsored day for National Authorities will focus on enhancing the capacity of the National Authorities to work with the chemical industry in implementing the Convention.  It will also provide a platform for National Authorities to interact with the leading chemical companies of the EU that have offered placements to participants in the OPCW Associate Programme.
14:30 – 15:30	<b>Session I: Preparation for and Handling of Inspections for Schedule 2 and 3 plant sites, and Other Chemical Production Facilities (OCPFs)</b>
15:30 – 16:45	<b>Session II: Enhancement of Capacity-building through Training in the Chemical Industry</b>
16:45 – 17:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
17:00 – 18:00	<b>Session III: The Chemical Industry, the Convention, and the Responsible Care® Programme</b>

*Interpretation services into all official languages of the OPCW will be provided.*