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Dear Prof Meselson & Mr Robinson ,

I am enclosing the text of a letter which I will be writing to you officially, which has been drafted on the basis of the text prepared by you, when you were at The Hague . Do let me know by fax at your earliest whether you agree with the contents.

Yours Sincerely,

  
S.Batsanov

(Director for External Relations )

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Dear Messrs Meselson and Robinson,

Following the letter of 16 August 1993 (Ref.  
492/ 93 ) from our Executive secretary Mr Ian R. Kenyon, endorsing the proposal of  
the Harvard - Sussex Programme for a PTS- HSP International Information Project  
on implementation of the Chemical Weapons convention and the subsequent  
conceptualisation Conference of 6-7 November of members of the PTS and the  
Harvard - Sussex programme , we now wish to acknowledge in more specific terms  
the nature of the proposed Project.

II. In outline, we request that HSP, in collaboration with PTS undertake to produce  
for the PTS information materials on specific topics that may be used separately and  
in appropriate groupings to meet the needs of government officials and others in  
developing national policies regarding the CWC and programs for its implementation.  
Topics on which information materials are to be prepared by HSP / PTS are as  
follows :

List I:

- Outline Summary of the Chemical Weapons Convention (PTS)
- Rights and responsibilities of States Parties (PTS)
- Reporting requirements: Industrial activities (PTS)
- Guidelines for establishing/ designating National Authorities (PTS)
- Challenge Inspections (PTS)

- Guide to the Institutions under the Chemical Weapons Convention (PTS)
- Benefits of the Chemical Weapons Convention to States Parties (HSP)
- The Convention and economic and technological development (HSP)
- Assistance available under the Chemical Weapons Convention (HSP)
- Consequences of remaining outside the Chemical Weapons Convention (HSP)
- Demonstrating Compliance with the Chemical Weapons Convention (HSP)
- Preparations for receiving inspectors (HSP)
- Guidelines for National Implementing legislation (HSP)

List II:

- Confidentiality and the Chemical Weapons Convention (PTS)
- The Convention from the perspective of the industry (HSP)
- Financial contributions of States Parties (HSP)
- History and nature of Chemical Weapons (HSP)
- Safe destruction of Chemical Weapons (HSP)
- Reporting requirements : Past Chemical Weapons activities (HSP)
- Purposes not prohibited under the Chemical Weapons Convention (HSP)
- Impact of the Chemical Weapons Convention on military organisations (HSP)

III. It is understood that HSP shall , in consultation with PTS :

- (1) Design an overall scheme to guide the scope, organisation, levels of detail, and style of the required materials .
- (2) Commission authors highly knowledgeable in the subject matter and skilled in clear exposition to prepare draft materials dealing with the various topics. In some cases, such materials would be contributed by the directors , associates or staff of HSP. Issues of attribution will be decided by PTS.
- (3) Guide the preparation, coordination, and editing of the separate materials, presenting them to the PTS for approval or possible revision, as deemed appropriate by PTS.
- (4) Participate in dissemination and presentation of the various materials.
- (5) Assist in the organising and planning of regional meetings, including the support of attendance by individuals without access to travel funds from their national governments or other sources.
- (6) Develop and produce from the various information materials and experience gained in their preparation an integrated Guide to Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.
- (7) Prepare appropriate slides and background film clips for use during regional educational Seminars organised by the PTS with assistance from HSP.
- (8) Provide access to its data base for the use of PTS.

IV. The Guide could eventually be made available in computer accessible form, organised in a hierarchy of directories and files with cross- references to relevant provisions in the Convention.

V. The decision of PTS to collaborate with HSP in the Project stems from the magnitude and urgency of the educational task confronting the Preparatory Commission if the Convention, now signed by 154 States, is to enter into force and be effectively implemented at an early date. Our decision is also conditioned by the long experience and high standards of scholarship of HSP and by its extensive data base and international resources and contacts with specialists worldwide.

VI. As the PTS contribution to the Project, we will :

- (1) Prepare information materials on certain topics (mentioned in Para II above) to be included in the guide.
- (2) Review, within 14 working days exclusive of Plenary meetings , materials submitted to PTS for approval or possible request for their revision.
- (3) Accept an HSP intern to work under PTS direction and to act as liaison between HSP and PTS. Each such intern is to work at the PTS for a period of not less than 4 months and to be supported by funds not provided by PTS.
- (4) Provide to HSP appropriate access to its data base, in order to ensure up to date awareness of procedures being developed by the preparatory commission for the CWC regime with due regard to confidentiality requirements of the Chemical Weapons Convention and the PTS.
- (5) Integrate HSP directors, associates or staff members into regional seminars and other PTS educational activities, as appropriate.
- (6) Subject to a final decision by the Preparatory Commission on the budget for FY 1994, to be taken in December, 1993, contribute up to US\$ 75,000 for five regional educational Seminars over the next year.

VII. I look forward to an early reply.

Yours Sincerely,

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