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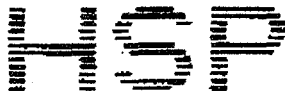
**MESSAGE:**

Attached you will find two documents I have produced recently for the HSP-PTS project. Julian thought you might want to have the letter to national training courses for your meeting with someone from a funding agency on Friday. These are being mailed to 12 national training programs today. Also attached is a draft project description, eventually to be sent to prospective authors, which might also be useful in your meeting. Any suggestions for changes would be welcome.

I will be meeting Julian in Brighton Monday to take stock and plan for the next steps.

All the best.

P.S. Could you ask Barbara to 'phone or fax me to let me know if the check for December has been sent yet?



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Dear xxxxx,

As you may be aware, the Provisional Technical Secretariat (PTS) of the Preparatory Commission for the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons has recently entered into an agreement with the Harvard Sussex Program on CBW Armament and Arms Limitation (HSP) to develop jointly a program of **information materials on implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.**

As Ian Kenyon, Executive Secretary of the PrepCom, explained in his 13 December report (PC-V/6) to member states the information materials produced by the joint PTS-HSP project 'may be used separately, and in appropriate combinations, to meet the needs of government officials and others in developing national policies regarding the Convention and programmes for its implementation'. These materials will eventually form an integrated **Guide to Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.**

The Harvard Sussex Program expects to commission work on this project by an international team of outstanding governmental and academic experts on the CWC. The project will be run under the direction of HSP's Directors, Dr. Matthew Meselson at Harvard University and Julian Perry Robinson at the University of Sussex, and of the External Relations Department of the PTS. You are probably aware of the Harvard Sussex Program's highly regarded publication Chemical Weapons Convention Bulletin, which has chronicled the CWC negotiations and other developments in the CBW field since 1988.

The Harvard Sussex Program is aware that information materials produced under its joint project with the PTS may be similar in nature to materials developed for national training programs, such as the program with which you are associated, for future OPCW inspectors and others. In order to avoid duplication of our efforts we are writing to ask for information on the content of your national training program and on any written materials which you may have produced.

The Harvard Sussex Program would be grateful to receive, in as much detail as you are able to provide, the outline of courses offered under your national training program and any written materials on CWC implementation which have been produced for your courses. To illustrate the kinds of topics we are particularly interested in I have enclosed an indicative list of topics on which PTS-HSP information materials are planned.

Information you provide will help us to determine where new materials need to be developed and where authors of existing resources could be commissioned to adapt materials for use in this project. Your materials will not be copied, published or adapted without your express permission and/or that of the author.

We look forward to cooperating with you to ensure the availability of accurate, useful and timely educational materials which will help ensure effective implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention at the earliest possible date. If you have any questions please feel free to 'phone me on (41 22) 779 13 22.

Sincerely,

Peter Herby  
HSP Project Manager

## Draft List of Topics

Summary introduction to the CWC

History and nature of chemical weapons

Rights and responsibilities of States Parties

Guidelines for establishing/designating National Authorities

Guidelines for national implementing legislation

Guide to Institutions under the CWC

Benefits of the CWC to States Parties

The CWC and economic and technological development

Assistance available under the CWC

Demonstrating compliance with the CWC

Reporting requirements: industrial activities

Challenge Inspections

Preparations for receiving inspectors

The Convention from the perspective of industry

The CWC and military organizations

Confidentiality and the CWC

Safe destruction of chemical weapons

Reporting requirements: past chemical weapons activities

Purposes not prohibited under the Convention

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## **International Information Project on Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention**

### Project Description

With the signing of the Chemical Weapons Convention by 154 states since its opening for signature in Paris in January 1993 many have applauded the culmination of two decades of negotiations for chemical disarmament. Indeed, the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) is a signal achievement. It marks the first successful attempt to eliminate, under stringent international control, an entire category of weapons with enormous destructive capability. Unprecedented political support for the CWC is reflected in its ability to attract 154 signatory states in its first year of existence.

Yet the conclusion of the CWC, and the signatures attached to it, will count for nothing unless the Convention enters into force, requiring ratification by 65 states, and is effectively implemented over a period of many years. In addition, it will be essential that parliaments are prepared to pay the costs of implementation, both nationally and internationally. The processes of ratification and implementation will require understanding and sustained support for the Convention on the part of parliamentarians, public organizations and industry officials - many of whom have, as yet, *little or no knowledge of the CWC.*

The longer the treaty takes to enter into force, and the less able states are to implement their obligations as soon as it does so, the greater the likelihood of the treaty-regime faltering, and of confidence in it fading. If this occurs a likely cause will have been ignorance...a lack of awareness among the public and parliaments of what is at stake...a lack of clear comprehension in national bureaucracies of what exactly national obligations are a lack of appreciation on the part of industry of the wider benefits of the Convention which leads to inadequate provision of industry-related data without which the routine verification system of the treaty will collapse. These problems are particularly acute in the more than 100 signatory states which did not play an active role in the Geneva CWC negotiations.

Primary responsibility for ensuring the successful entry into force has been entrusted, as provided for in the Convention, to the Preparatory Commission for the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, consisting of signatory states. The Commission is assisted by its Provisional Technical Secretariat (PTS). The PTS will, by mid-1994, consist of a staff of some 120 which will increase to 365, including inspectors, by the time of entry into force. While the PTS has attracted an impressive staff of technical experts on the CWC and has made significant progress in elaborating technical guidelines for treaty implementation, its ability to carry out educational efforts on behalf of the CWC is severely constrained - by its limited resources, by the need to hire on a geographically balanced basis and by political sensitivities.

With the above concerns in mind the Harvard Sussex Program on CBW Armament and Arms Limitation (HSP) and the PTS agreed in November 1993 to collaborate on a joint **Information Project on Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention**. The HSP, with its broad international contacts in the research community, political circles and industry and strong record of publications on CBW issues, will bring to the project a team of internationally recognized authors on treaty-related issues as well as expertise in the

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production and publication of information materials. The PTS will contribute authors whose expertise is directly related to treaty implementation guidelines being developed by the OPCW PrepCom and will ensure that all materials produced are accurate and up to date.

As Ian Kenyon, Executive Secretary of the PTS, announced in his 13 December report (PC-V/6) to member states the joint PTS-HSP information project will provide information materials which 'may be used separately, or in appropriate combinations, to meet the needs of government officials and others in developing national policies regarding the Convention and programmes for its implementation'.

Materials developed by the project will serve several purposes: (1) introduction to the CWC and the history of chemical warfare, (2) description of the rights and benefits to states provided by the Convention, and (3) action-oriented guidelines to implementation of the treaty. Regardless of the subject the project's information materials will aim to inform those with little previous knowledge of the Convention in clear, accessible language; and to synthesize and consolidate the vast and complex documentation contained in the CWC itself and in the PrepCom's guidelines. Action-oriented materials will be written in a 'user-friendly' style and from the perspective of the ministry official, National Authority staff or industrial manager with responsibilities for treaty implementation.

It is expected that authors will be commissioned in the second quarter of 1994, with initial materials becoming available by the third quarter. Under a special agreement with the PTS authors will be provided, through the HSP, with current PrepCom documentation on subjects relevant to their assigned topic.

It is intended that materials on individual topics will be produced when they become available, during late 1994 and early 1995. As a result the HSP and PTS will be able to distribute materials on a flexible basis to states parties, to target groups of industry officials, inspector trainees, parliamentarians and to public and academic bodies. Often selected packets of information materials will be compiled for participants in regional seminars on which the PTS, the HSP and member states have agreed to collaborate. While each piece will be designed to stand on its own it will reflect a common format. Eventually the full range of materials produced will be published as an integrated Guide to Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention. Consideration will be given to production of the 'Guide' in the form of CD ROM and to the preparation of audio-visual materials on some subjects.

The International Information Project will be run under the direction of HSP's Directors, Dr. Matthew Meselson of Harvard University (USA) and Julian Perry Robinson of the University of Sussex (UK), and of the External Relations Department of the PTS.

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