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Dear Ms Vaughn,

Thank you for the invitation to attend the Pugwash CBW Workshop at Noordwijk, Netherlands on 19-21 May. I was hoping that I would be in The Hague late May, however, it now appears that I will not be back in Netherlands until late June, so unfortunately I will not be able to participate. I am very sorry as I was very much looking forward to being at another Pugwash meeting (and was preparing a paper to present).

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I am wondering whether, because of my unavailability, you would consider inviting my colleague, Mr Tony Taubman, who is the Australian representative to the OPCW Preparatory Commission and Chairman of the PrepCom Expert Group on Confidentiality. He has also worked with me on a number of issues which are major discussion items of the Pugwash meeting, and he would be able to present the paper on the General Purpose Criterion which I have been preparing.

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If you do choose to invite him, he may be contacted on +31-70-310-8228 (Phone) (or Fax +31-70-310-7863). (Julian Perry Robinson has been involved several times with CWC discussions with Taubman - you may wish to seek his advice on Taubman's suitability)

I wish you a very successful meeting. With best wishes,