

**PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE ORGANISATION
FOR THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS**

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Dear Prof. Meselson,

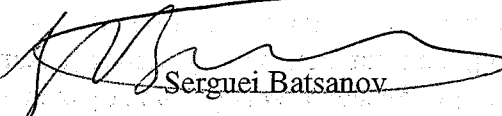
On behalf of the Government of Malta and of the Preparatory Commission, I have the pleasure of inviting a representative of the Harvard Sussex Program to participate in the Seminar on National Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention to be held in Malta on 12-14 June 1996.

The Seminar will be organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malta, in co-operation with the Provisional Technical Secretariat, with the aim of providing a forum to littoral states of the Mediterranean for an informal exchange of views on how to secure universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention and how the region can adopt a co-operative approach towards preparation for national implementation of the Convention. This forum can also help participating states gain a better understanding of the tasks involved in the Convention.

A preliminary draft programme will be forwarded soon. It is expected that participants will arrive on Tuesday, 11 June and depart on Saturday, 15 June.

You are requested kindly to inform the Secretariat (External Relations Division) of the name of the HSP representative, flight schedule and whether there is need for an entry visa into Malta. This information, including local contact details, should reach the External Relations Division before 25 May 1996 to enable the Secretariat to make practical arrangements. In the meantime, please advise the External Relations Division of any administrative or other problems that may arise in this regard.

Further details of the arrangements will be forwarded as soon as confirmation of acceptance of invitation is received.


Serguei Batsanov

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