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DECISION

**ATTENDANCE BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS AT THE
TWELFTH CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES**

The Conference of the States Parties,

Bearing in mind Rule 33 of its Rules of Procedure,

Hereby:

Approves the participation of the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) whose names appear in the list annexed hereto in the Twelfth Session of the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”), and **decides on** the following arrangements with respect to the representatives of these NGOs:

- (a) They will be invited, subject to a decision of the Conference, to attend open meetings of its plenary sessions.
- (b) They will be issued with name tags, which must be worn within the World Forum Convention Centre (WFCC).
- (c) They may place literature for distribution at designated sites.
- (d) They will be provided, on request, with all documents referred to in the annotated agenda for the Twelfth Session of the Conference and distributed during that Session, except for Conference Room Papers and other draft documents.

Annex (English only):

List of Non-Governmental Organisations Entitled to Participate in the Twelfth Session of the Conference of the States Parties



Annex

LIST OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS ENTITLED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TWELFTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES

1. Green Cross International (GCI) Legacy Programme *
2. Harvard Sussex Program (HSP)*
3. Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)*
4. Association of the Dutch Chemical Industry (VNCI)*

Background Information

1.

Name of organisation: **Green Cross International (GCI) Legacy Programme**

City: Basel

Country: Switzerland

Contact person: Mr Stephan Robinson

Activities: See below

Financial resources: The Chemtrust programme is funded by grants from the Governments of Canada, Finland, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America; foundations, and private donors.

Membership: 30 affiliates in 21 countries

Green Cross International (GCI) is a global, non-aligned networking organisation working in the area of environment and sustainable development. It creates partnerships to promote change in global values. Multi-sector dialogue is the basic GCI means for implementing sustainable projects. It therefore acts as an open forum, bringing together decision-makers and grassroots movements from all sectors of society (NGOs, business, and other groups) in a unique platform. GCI was initiated at the Earth Summit in Rio in 1992 and was officially launched in Kyoto, Japan, on 20 April 1993, under the leadership of GCI President, Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

In addition to other international programmes, since 1994 GCI has been running the “Legacy Programme”, which addresses issues resulting from the arms race during the Cold War. One component of the Legacy Programme is “Chemtrust”, a joint initiative of the United States, Russian, and Swiss Green Cross. Chemtrust aims to further the disarmament of chemical weapons by bringing together all sectors involved in the process, and by serving as a non-partisan mediator, helping to resolve issues of conflict. GCI has organised several hearings and roundtable discussions on national chemical weapons disarmament programmes in Izhevsk, Kizner, Penza, Saratov, and Shchuch’ye, Russia; and Washington and Indianapolis, in the United States. Green Cross promotes increased awareness of chemical weapons destruction and the importance of the Chemical Weapons Convention through regular articles in newspapers and electronic media.

* NGOs marked with an asterisk have participated in previous sessions of the Conference of the States Parties.

2.

Name of organisation: **Harvard Sussex Program (HSP)**
City: Brighton/Harvard
Country: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland/United States of America
Contact person: Mr Daniel Feakes
Activities: Research, publications (including the “CBW Conventions Bulletin”)
Financial resources: United Kingdom and United States charitable foundations, including the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the United Kingdom Economic and Social Research Council, the Sixth Framework Programme of the European Commission, and the Foreign Ministries of Japan, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
Membership: 15 staff (full- and part-time) plus an international advisory board

The HSP is an international collaborative programme of research and communication that seeks to enhance international awareness and understanding of public-policy issues associated with chemical and biological weapons. Its aim is to promote the global elimination of chemical and biological weapons, and to strengthen the constraints against hostile uses of biomedical technologies. The programme focuses on the implementation of the two global disarmament and anti-proliferation treaties for chemical and biological weapons (CBW): the Chemical Weapons Convention, and the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention.

The HSP is directed jointly from Harvard University in the United States of America and the University of Sussex in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The HSP conducts, sponsors, and otherwise encourages scholarly research within a wide range of CBW topics, and publishes a quarterly journal, the “CBW Conventions Bulletin”. The HSP also convenes the Pugwash Study Group on the Implementation of the CBW Conventions, and participates in international specialist seminars and workshops. The programme also supports a researcher at the OPCW Technical Secretariat in The Hague.

3.

Name of organisation: **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)**
City: Solna
Country: Sweden
Contact person: Mr John Hart
Activities: CBW research project, publications (SIPRI Yearbook, etc.)
Financial resources: Annual grants from the Swedish Government and external grants
Membership: Approximately 50 staff

SIPRI conducts scientific research on questions of conflict and cooperation that are of importance to international peace and security. Its aim is to contribute to an understanding of the conditions required for the peaceful solution of international conflicts and for stable peace. SIPRI has built its reputation on its competence, professional skill, and the collection of precise, accessible, impartial information on weapons developments, arms transfers and production, and military expenditures, as well as on arms limitations, reductions, and disarmament.

SIPRI has been involved in CBW disarmament research for over 30 years and has conducted research that supported the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention, in many cases with the active participation of PrepCom representatives. The Chemical and Biological Warfare Project is one of SIPRI's longest-running research projects, focussing on developments in chemical and biological weapons, and their actual or alleged use and acquisition, as well as on efforts to obtain effective disarmament measures aiming at their total elimination. After the conclusion of the Convention in 1992, SIPRI identified the following research areas: (a) the implementation and verification of the Convention, (b) the destruction of chemical weapons, (c) old chemical weapons and toxic armament wastes, (d) countering proliferation, and (e) strengthening the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention.

The institute is mainly financed by the Swedish Parliament, with some of the research projects supported by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation; the Irish Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform; the UNDP; the Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of Armed Forces; the United States Institute for Peace; the Korea Foundation; the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency; the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology; the Nobel Foundation; the European Commission; and the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The projects financed by grants are of one to three years' duration.

The Institute hosts annual seminars with the United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme and regularly receives other parliamentary, scientific, and governmental delegations.

4.

Name of organisation: **Association of the Dutch Chemical Industry (VNCI)**
City: Leidschendam
Country: The Netherlands
Contact person: Mr Rein Coster
Activities: See below
Financial resources: It receives funding from its member companies.
Membership: 850 companies, of which some 330 have 20 or more employees

The chemical industry is the country's second largest industrial branch. When expressed in terms of the relative contribution of the chemical industry to the Netherlands gross domestic product, the Netherlands ranks second in the world, after Belgium. Customers in the domestic market, apart from the chemical industry, *per se*, include the rubber and plastics processing industries and the textile, pharmaceutical, and construction industries.

The VCNI publishes a Responsible Care report every year, in which, on the industry's own initiative, an account is given about performance on environmental, safety, and health matters in the industry's sector.

Every year the VCNI evaluates the progress made by the chemical industry in reducing emissions.

The VCNI has been actively involved in setting up the covenant on energy-efficiency benchmarking.