



Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands presents its compliments to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and, with reference to the Agreement between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) concerning the Headquarters of the OPCW of 22 May 1997 as well as to the consultations between the Ministry and the OPCW regarding the registration of interns who have been accepted by the OPCW into its internship programme in the Netherlands, has the honour to propose the following:

1. For the purpose of this Agreement, the following definition of an intern shall apply: An individual who has been accepted by the OPCW into the internship programme of the OPCW and who, on that basis, performs certain tasks for the OPCW. An intern shall in no case fall under the definition of an official of the OPCW.
2. Within eight (8) days after first arrival of an intern in the Netherlands, the OPCW shall request the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to register the intern in accordance with paragraph 3.
3. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall register an intern for the purpose of his/her internship with the OPCW for a maximum period of six months, provided that the OPCW supplies the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with a declaration signed by the intern, accompanied by adequate proof, to the effect that:
 - a) the intern entered the Netherlands in accordance with the applicable immigration procedures;
 - b) the intern has sufficient financial means for living expenses and for repatriation, as well as sufficient medical insurance (including coverage of costs of hospitalization for at least the duration of the internship plus one month) and third party liability insurance, and will not be a charge on the public purse of the Netherlands;
 - c) the intern will not work in the Netherlands during his or her internship otherwise than as an intern at the OPCW;
 - d) the intern will not bring any family members to reside with him or her in the Netherlands other than in accordance with the applicable immigration procedures;
 - e) the intern will leave the Netherlands within 14 days after the end of the internship unless he or she is otherwise entitled to



stay in the Netherlands in accordance with the applicable immigration legislation.

4. Upon registration of the intern in accordance with paragraph 3, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall issue an identity card to the intern.
5. The OPCW shall not incur liability for damage resulting from non-fulfilment, by interns registered in accordance with paragraph 3, of the conditions of the declaration referred to in that paragraph.
6. Interns shall not enjoy any privileges or immunities.
7. In exceptional circumstances, the maximum period of six months mentioned in paragraph 3 may be extended once by a maximum period of six months.
8. The OPCW shall notify the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the final departure of the intern from the Netherlands within eight (8) days after such departure, and shall at the same time return the intern's identity card.

If this proposal is acceptable to the OPCW, the Ministry suggests that this Note and the OPCW's affirmative reply to it shall together constitute an Agreement between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and OPCW. This Agreement shall be applied provisionally as from the date of such reply and shall enter into force on the day the Kingdom of the Netherlands has notified OPCW in writing that the legal requirements for entry into force have been complied with.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the OPCW the assurances of its highest consideration.

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