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Dear Dr. František Paulus,

On behalf of the Technical Secretariat of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to the Population Protection Institute, Fire Rescue Service of the Czech Republic for the contribution and expertise of its highly qualified staff, towards enhancing African States Parties' capacity to respond to chemical weapons, in line with the provisions of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

The Institute jointly organised and co-facilitated the online Basic Training Course on Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders (WISER) and the use of the Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG) for First Responders in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) with the Secretariat from 2 - 3 March 2021, attended by 24 professionals from nine OPCW Member States in the SADC region. .

The feedback received from the trainees at end of the course indicated the highly professional manner and extraordinary facilitation provided by the highly dedicated staff of the Population Protection Institute.

Please accept Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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