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Supplementary Note by the Experts

ADDENDUM

to

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Since document AC/23(CD)D/103 was prepared, the Secretariat has received data from the Netherlands Delegation. The following additions should be made to the reference document to take this information into account.

2. In Section I, Man-packs and Equipment for Rescue and First Aid Teams, insert the following paragraph 5(a) after paragraph 5:

"5(a) The Netherlands, in order to enable their first aid teams to enter a damaged area on foot, equip them with tool kits which weigh approximately 44 lbs and are carried by the team leaders.

These kits contain the following tools:

- 1 claw-hammer
- 1 bolt-cropper
- 4 screw drivers of different sizes
- 1 monkey wrench
- 1 pipe cutter
- 1 pair universal pliers
- 2 pairs of cutting pliers
- 2 pairs of pincers
- 5 pocket knives

In addition, the other members of the team carry a certain amount of equipment such as an extending ladder (total length approximately 30 ft.), 2 stretchers, shovels, crow-bars, hand-saws, a first aid kit-bag and oxygen apparatus.

The heavy equipment is left in the truck and carried to the site later. It should be mentioned that the Netherlands teams have a portable cutting apparatus which a member of the rescue team carries on his back by means of shoulder straps."

3. In Section II, Stretcher-bearing over Debris, the following paragraph 11(a) should be inserted after paragraph 11:

"11(a) The Netherlands Delegation states that its country has not yet found a solution to the problem of moving the wounded through and over rubble by mechanical means. For the present, the Netherlands services favour the idea of building footpaths over the rubble. This is the work of clearance squads which are specially trained for this purpose. It is, however, the rescue teams who are responsible for stretcher-bearing, and shoulder-straps are used to relieve the strain on the bearers. In special cases a whipper-line may be used if the distance to be covered does not exceed 55 to 65 yards."

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