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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AN ASSISTANCE-AND-PROTECTION COURSE
ON CHEMICAL-SAFETY MANAGEMENT FOR AFRICAN STATES PARTIES
GWALIOR, INDIA
28 MARCH – 1 APRIL 2011**

1. On behalf of the Government of India and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Director-General wishes to invite African States Parties to nominate participants for an assistance-and-protection training course on chemical-safety management, which will be held at the Defence Research and Development Establishment (DRDE), Gwalior, India, from 28 March to 1 April 2011.
2. The course is being held in the framework of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention to provide assistance and protection against chemical weapons, and will be jointly organised by the Government of India and the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”). Up to 20 specialists from African States Parties will receive basic training in protection against chemical weapons and in detection. The course will also provide a basic introduction to chemical-warfare agents, and explain the basics of individual protective measures, and of detection and decontamination equipment.
3. The course, which draws on India’s experience in this area, is intended for specialists from African States Parties who are first responders with responsibility for providing assistance and protection against chemical weapons or who are, or will be, associated with the training of civilians in their home countries in protection against chemical weapons. Its main purpose is to help African States Parties to build their capability to counter an attack involving the use of chemical weapons; this will in turn benefit their civilian population. Applicants from African States Parties that do not yet have such a capability will be particularly welcome.
4. Given the purpose of the course and its technical nature, candidates will be carefully selected and should have a solid technical background in the chemistry associated with assistance and protection against chemical agents. They should also be physically fit and be able to wear individual protective equipment for several hours at a time during the practical sessions of the course. Some practical experience in military or civil protection against chemical weapons is desirable, though not necessary.
5. The Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor a limited number of participants. Each nomination should specify whether sponsorship is a condition of the nominee’s participation. For sponsored participants, the Secretariat will cover the costs of travel



and medical insurance, and will provide a limited subsistence allowance to cover sundry expenses. The course materials, accommodation, and all meals during the course will be provided to sponsored participants at no cost to them. Further details regarding accommodation, the course venue, and transport will be provided at a later date.

6. When making travel arrangements for sponsored participants, the Secretariat will seek the most economical options. Sponsored participants will be allowed to purchase tickets locally only if doing so leads to further savings for the Secretariat and if the Secretariat authorises it. Participants are expected to arrive **no earlier than Sunday, 27 March 2011**, and to depart **no later than Saturday, 2 April 2011**. The Secretariat's approval is required for any changes to the dates on which sponsored participants arrive and depart. The Secretariat will not cover expenses unrelated to the course or that result from unauthorised changes to travel arrangements. Sponsored participants shall bear all costs resulting from changes they make, including cancellations, once the Secretariat has purchased their tickets. Participants who have not been sponsored are requested to make their own travel arrangements.
7. The course will be conducted in English, and no interpretation services of any kind will be provided. Participants are therefore expected to have a good written and oral command of English.
8. Participants are requested to obtain any necessary visas, including transit visas, before travelling to India.
9. Interested applicants are invited to complete the nomination form that is included as Annex 2 to this Note, making sure in particular to provide all contact details that it requests including e-mail address. Completed forms should be sent, **along with a brief curriculum vitae**, to the Director, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW, Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands. Nominations may also be submitted by fax to +31 (0)70 416 3209, or by e-mail to EmergAssistBr@opcw.org. All materials must be received **no later than 18 February 2011**.
10. Those who have been selected to participate will be contacted no later than two weeks after the submission deadline. States Parties are requested to inform the International Cooperation and Assistance Division of any administrative or other problems that may arise in connection with the attendance of any participant.
11. A provisional programme for the course is included as Annex 1 to this Note. Further details will be issued at a later date. Any questions may be addressed to Ms Elena Gavrilova, Assistance and Protection Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, who can be contacted as follows:

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Annexes:

- Annex 1: Provisional Programme
Annex 2: Nomination Form

Annex 1

**ASSISTANCE-AND-PROTECTION COURSE ON CHEMICAL-SAFETY
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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time	Activity
<i>Sunday, 27 March 2011</i>	
	Arrival of participants and registration
<i>Monday, 28 March 2011</i>	
09:30 – 10:00	Course opening, administrative information
10:00 – 10:45	Lecture: Assistance and Protection, Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention
10:45 – 11:45	Lecture: Introduction to the Chemical Weapons Convention by the Indian National Authority
11:45 – 12:30	Lecture: Hazards of chemicals
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 14:45	Lecture: Introduction to chemical weapons agents
14:45 – 15:30	Lecture: Toxicological effects of chemical weapons agents
15:30 – 16:15	Lecture: Medical protection against chemical weapons agents
16:15 – 18:00	Lecture: Practical aspects of medical protection against chemical weapons agents
<i>Tuesday, 29 March 2011</i>	
09:30 – 10:30	Lecture: On-site detection of chemical weapons agents
10:45 – 11:45	Lecture: Off-site detection of chemical weapons agents
11:45 – 12:45	Lecture: Delivery of assistance operations by the OPCW
12:45 – 13:45	<i>Lunch</i>
14:15 – 15:00	Lecture: India's experiences gained from ASSISTEX 3, by the Indian National Authority
15:00 – 18:00	Practical exercise: Detection of chemical weapons agents
<i>Wednesday, 30 March 2011</i>	
09:30 – 10:30	Lecture: Physical protection against chemical weapons agents (individual)
10:45 – 11:45	Lecture: Physical protection against chemical weapons agents (collective)
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 17:00	Practical exercise: Protection against chemical weapons agents
20:00	<i>Dinner</i>
<i>Thursday, 31 March 2011</i>	
09:30 – 10:30	Lecture: Decontamination after an attack involving chemical weapons agents
10:45 – 11:45	Lecture: Decontamination equipment
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 17:00	Practical exercise: Decontamination after an attack involving chemical weapons agents

Time	Activity
<i>Friday, 1 April 2011</i>	
09:30 – 10:30	Lecture: Management of chemical weapons casualties – evacuation and decontamination
10:45 – 11:45	Lecture: Chemical weapons casualties – medical management
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Mock drill: Management of chemical weapons casualties
16:00 – 16:30	Course evaluation and closing session
20:00	Dinner
<i>Saturday, 2 April 2011</i>	
	Departure of participants

Annex 2

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NOMINATION FORM

Please submit the completed form, **along with a brief curriculum vitae, by 18 February 2011** to:

International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW

Attn: Assistance and Protection Branch

Fax: + 31 (0)70 416 3209; e-mail: EmergAssistBr@opcw.org

Please type or use BLOCK LETTERS.

1.	Family name of nominee*			
2.	First name(s)*			
3.	Date of birth	Day	Month	Year
4.	Citizenship			
5.	Gender**	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	
6.	Passport number			
7.	Date of issue	Day	Month	Year
8.	Expiry date	Day	Month	Year
9.	Place of issue			
10.	Areas of expertise			
11.	Employer			
12.	Position			
13.	Contact address (please do not give a post-office box number)	Street		
		Number	Post code	
		City		
		Country		
14.	Airport of departure			
15.	E-mail address			
16.	Telephone numbers, including country and city codes	Home		
		Work		
		Mobile		
17.	Fax numbers, including country and city codes	Home		
		Work		
18.	Has the nominee previously taken part in a course of this kind?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
		If so, when and where?		
19.	Is sponsorship a condition of participation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
20.	Does the nominee have any special dietary requirements?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
		If so, please describe:		

* Family name and first name should be exactly as they appear in the nominee's passport.

** For this and all like items, please tick the appropriate box.