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**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
FOR THE SECOND ADVANCED REGIONAL ASSISTANCE-AND-PROTECTION
COURSE ON CHEMICAL-EMERGENCY REPOSE
BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA
13 – 17 MAY 2013**

1. On behalf of the Government of Argentina and the OPCW, the Director-General wishes to invite Member States in the Latin American and Caribbean region to nominate participants for the Second Advanced Regional Assistance-and-Protection Course on Chemical-Emergency Response for States Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 13 to 17 May 2013.
2. The course is related to assistance and protection against chemical weapons under Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) and will be jointly organised by the Government of Argentina and the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”).
3. The course objectives are to:
 - (a) facilitate the exchange of information and experience regarding the implementation of Article X of the Convention;
 - (b) provide advanced training on the proper use of individual and collective protective equipment, and the monitoring, detection, sampling and decontamination techniques used in different scenarios during field exercises with chemical warfare-agents;
 - (c) provide training on appropriate responses and countermeasures in complex emergency operations, and rescue techniques during incidents involving chemical-warfare agents; and
 - (d) provide a forum to discuss future cooperation among participating Member States and what further offers Member States might make to the OPCW under Article X;

The provisional programme for the course is set out in Annex 1 to this Note.



4. Given the purpose of the course and its technical nature, potential participants will be carefully selected. They should have a solid background in the chemistry associated with protection against chemical weapons; they should also belong to national emergency-response agencies involved in dealing with chemical-related incidents. It is of particular importance for the success of the training that potential participants be physically fit and able to wear protective gear for several hours during the practical sessions of the course.
5. To be accepted on this course, applicants should have taken one or more OPCW basic courses on assistance and protection against chemical weapons and/or participated in any OPCW protective capacity-building training provided by the Secretariat at the national level.
6. The course will be conducted in Spanish; no interpretation services of any kind will be provided. Participants are therefore expected to have a good command of the Spanish language, written and oral.
7. Only applicants supported by their National Authority and/or their Permanent Representation to the OPCW will be considered.
8. Participants are requested to obtain all necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to Argentina.
9. The Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor the participation of a limited number of participants. Applicants should specify whether sponsorship is a condition of the nominee's participation. For sponsored participants, the Secretariat will cover the costs of travel, medical insurance, accommodation, and meals, and will provide a limited subsistence allowance to cover sundry expenses.
10. Course materials, equipment, and local transport during the course will be provided by the Government of Argentina, at no cost to participants or to the OPCW.
11. When making travel arrangements for sponsored participants, the Secretariat will seek the most economical options. Participants will be allowed to purchase tickets locally only if this leads to further savings for the Secretariat and if the Secretariat authorises it in advance.
12. To keep costs to a minimum, sponsored participants are expected to arrive **no earlier than Sunday, 12 May 2013**, and to depart **no later than Saturday, 18 May 2013**. The Secretariat's approval is required for any changes to the arrival or departure dates of sponsored participants. The Secretariat will not cover expenses unrelated to the course or that result from unauthorised changes to travel arrangements. Sponsored participants shall bear all the costs resulting from any changes they make, including cancellations, once the Secretariat has purchased their tickets. Participants who will attend the course on a non-sponsored basis are requested to make their own travel arrangements and to inform the Secretariat accordingly.
13. Further details regarding accommodation, the course venue, and transport will be communicated to participants in due course.

14. Potential participants are invited to complete the nomination form in Annex 2 to this Note, making sure to provide all the necessary contact details, including an email address. Completed forms should be sent, along with the endorsement information from the applicant's National Authority or Permanent Representation and 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 e-mail to EmergAssistBr@opcw.org. In this case, the subject line of the e-mail should contain the words "Argentina advanced course". All materials must be received by the Secretariat no later than **25 March 2013**. Please be advised that participants must present an OPCW acceptance letter in order to be able to register for the course.
15. Additional information may be obtained from the Assistance and Protection Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division:

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Annexes:

Annex 1: Provisional Programme
Annex 2: Nomination Form

Annex 1

**SECOND ADVANCED REGIONAL ASSISTANCE-AND-PROTECTION COURSE
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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time	Activity
<i>Sunday, 12 May 2013</i>	
	Arrival of participants – Check in at Hotel Argenta Tower (Juncal 868)
<i>Monday, 13 May 2013</i>	
08:30 – 09:15	Administrative and practical information on the course
09:30 – 10:30	Opening ceremony
10:30 – 10:45	Official photograph
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00 – 11:45	Lecture: The Chemical Weapons Convention and Article X
11:45 – 12:15	Lecture: The National Authority of Argentina
12:15 – 12:45	Lecture: The Argentine emergency-response system
12:45 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:00	Revision: Chemical emergencies
15:00 – 16:00	Revision: Toxicological parameters during chemical emergencies
16:00 – 16:15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
16:15 – 17:15	Revision: Personal-protection equipment
17:15 – 18:15	Revision: Detection and sampling
18:30	Reception
<i>Tuesday, 14 May 2013</i>	
07:30 – 08:30	Transfer to Federal Police Cadet Academy
08:30 – 08:45	Welcome by the Director of Federal Police Cadet Academy “Salón Dorado”
08:45 – 09:45	Revision: Zonification of scenario and control techniques
09:45 – 10:45	Revision: Decontamination
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00 – 11:45	Revision: Rescue and transfer of victims
11:45 – 12:45	Revision: Planning and response
12:45 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 14:30	Forming of groups and handover of equipment
14:30 – 15:30	Field training: Personal-protection equipment
	Exercise with protection level A (Group A): Sealing drainage pipes, practical training
	Exercise with protection level C (Group B): Transfers using pneumatic pumps, practical training
15:30 – 16:30	Hygiene break and coffee break

Time	Activity
16:30 – 17:30	Field training exercise: Personal-protection equipment
	Exercise with Protection level A (Group B): Sealing drainage pipes, practical training
	Exercise with protection level C (Group A): Transfers using pneumatic pumps, practical training
17:30 – 18:15	Hygiene break and return of equipment
18:15	Return to hotel
Wednesday, 15 May 2013	
11:00 – 12:00	Transfer to Federal Police Cadet Academy
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:30	Field training: Rescue and decontamination (all participants)
14:30 – 15:30	Field training: Detection, sampling, and control (all participants)
15:30 – 16:30	Hygiene break and exercise explanation
16:30 – 17:30	Exercise: Part one: Scenario – Public building “Bank” (Group A)
	Exercise: Part one: Scenario – Public transport “Bus” (Group B)
17:30 – 18:00	Hygiene and coffee break
18:00 – 18:30	Explanation of the exercise
18:30 – 19:30	Exercise: Part two: Night work. Scenario – Transport of dangerous goods “Cistern” (all participants)
19:30 – 20:00	Hygiene break and return of equipment
20:00	Return to hotel
Thursday, 16 May 2013	
08:15 – 09:15	Transfer to Federal Police Cadet Academy
09:15 – 09:30	Description of exercises and equipment
09:30 – 10:30	Exercise: Part three: Scenario – Public building “Bank” (Group B)
	Exercise: Part three: Scenario – Public transport “Bus” (Group A)
10:30 – 11:30	Hygiene break and coffee break
11:30 – 12:30	Equipment show at the Federal Fire Fighter Corps
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:00	Information session: Part one: Planning of final exercise
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
15:30 – 16:30	Exercise: Part four: Scenario – Public transport “Train” (all participants)
16:30 – 17:00	Hygiene break and return of equipment
17:30	Return to hotel
Friday, 17 May 2013	
09:00 – 09:45	Information session: Part two
09:45 – 10:30	Discussion and exchange of experiences about the exercise
10:30 – 11:00	Review of the course
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:15 – 12:30	Closing ceremony and handover of diplomas
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 17:00	Social event (sightseeing in Buenos Aires)
20:30	Official dinner
Saturday, 18 May 2013	
	Departure of participants

Annex 2

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NOMINATION FORM

Please submit the completed form, with a brief curriculum vitae, by **25 March 2013** to:
The Director, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW
Attention: Assistance and Protection Branch
Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands
Fax: + 31 (0)70 416 3209; e-mail: EmergAssistBr@opcw.org

Please type or use BLOCK LETTERS.

1.	Family name of nominee ¹			
2.	First name(s)			
3.	Date of birth	Day	Month	Year
4.	Citizenship			
5.	Gender ²	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		

¹ Please give the family name and the first name exactly as they appear in the nominee's passport.

² For this and similar items, please tick the appropriate box.

18.	Has the nominee taken part in a course of this kind before?	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:	