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**NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL**

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR A TRAINING COURSE  
“RESCUE OPERATIONS IN CHEMICALLY CONTAMINATED AREAS”  
MINSK AND SVETLAYA ROSHCHA, BELARUS  
2 – 6 SEPTEMBER 2013**

1. The Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) wishes to invite States Parties to nominate Russian-speaking representatives to participate in a training course on rescue operations in chemically contaminated areas, which will take place from 2 to 6 September 2013 in Minsk and Svetlaya Roshcha, Belarus.
2. The course will be jointly organised by the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) and the Government of Belarus, and will provide training for up to 20 instructors who are involved in responding to chemical emergency incidents. The course will cover the following topics:
  - (a) protection of personnel during a chemical emergency;
  - (b) rescue-and-decontamination operations in contaminated areas; and
  - (c) appropriate responses and countermeasures in the event of incidents involving chemical-warfare agents or toxic chemicals.
3. The course will also provide an overview of the kinds of assistance the OPCW can provide, and will help participating States Parties to enhance the ability and skills of instructors in their countries to offer training in how to provide protection against chemical weapons and other toxic chemicals, as well as in how to manage chemical incidents.
4. The course will offer an introduction to the use of individual and collective protective equipment; to monitoring, detection, and decontamination; and to sampling techniques. It will also facilitate the exchange of information and experiences regarding the implementation of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”), and provide a forum for States Parties to discuss how they can cooperate in the future and what further offers they might make to the OPCW under Article X. The course will include field emergency-response exercises.
5. Given the purpose of the course and its technical nature, candidates will be carefully selected according to the following criteria:



- (a) All participants should be first responders and/or instructors/trainers, or be involved in developing an emergency-response system in their own countries.
  - (b) All participants must have a good oral and written command of Russian, because all activities during the course will be conducted in Russian and no interpretation services of any kind will be available.
  - (c) Preference will be given to instructors from emergency-response units, such as firefighters, ambulance personnel, and police officers.
  - (d) Participants must be physically fit and capable of wearing individual protective gear for several hours at a time. Some practical experience with protective equipment is desirable.
6. Applications will be carefully screened on the basis of the criteria specified in paragraph 5 above. Only the most suitable applicants will be selected.
  7. The Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor a limited number of participants from States Parties. For sponsored participants, it will cover the costs of accommodation and meals. Further details regarding accommodation, the course venue, and transport will be issued to all confirmed participants at a later date.
  8. When making travel arrangements for sponsored participants, the Secretariat will seek the most economical options. In order for the Secretariat to keep costs to a minimum, sponsored participants are expected to arrive **no earlier than Sunday, 1 September 2013**, and to depart **no later than Saturday, 7 September 2013**. The Secretariat's approval is required for any changes to the arrival and departure dates of sponsored participants. The Secretariat will not cover expenses unrelated to the course or that result from changes in travel arrangements that it has not authorised. 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.
  9. Participants are requested to obtain all necessary visas before travelling to Belarus. Interested applicants are invited to complete the nomination form that is included as Annex 2 to this Note, making sure to provide all contact details and to indicate their dietary preferences. 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](mailto:EmergAssistBr@opcw.org) (the nomination forms should refer to the name and location of the course in the subject line of the e-mail: "Training Course – Rescue Operations in Chemically Contaminated Areas, Belarus"). All materials must be received by the Secretariat **no later than 28 June 2013**.
  10. Additional information on the course may be obtained from the International Cooperation and Assistance Division. The contact persons are Ms Ditta Ciganikova, who can be reached at +31 (0)70 416 3261, and Ms Olesea Becu, who can be reached at +31 (0)70 416 3593.

Annexes:      Annex 1:      Provisional Programme  
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## Annex 1

**TRAINING COURSE**  
**“RESCUE OPERATIONS IN CHEMICALLY CONTAMINATED AREAS”**  
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**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

Time	Activity
<b><i>Sunday, 1 September 2013</i></b>	
	Arrival of participants at the Institute for Retraining and Professional Development (IRPD)
<b><i>Monday, 2 September 2013 (at the IRPD)</i></b>	
09:00 – 09:30	Opening ceremony
09:30 – 09:50	Group photo
09:50 – 10:20	Lecture: Course introduction, objectives, and aims
10:20 – 10:50	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:50 – 12:10	Lecture: Article X of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction
12:10 – 13:30	Lecture: Chemical threats: Chemical weapons, dangerous chemicals, chemical terrorism
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 15:50	Lecture: Personal protection equipment
15:50 – 16:10	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
16:10 – 17:20	Lecture: Medical responses at the scene of an accident or incident
<b><i>Tuesday, 3 September 2013 (at the Institute for Command Engineers (ICE), Minsk)</i></b>	
09:00 – 18:00	Lecture: Emergency response clean-up by means of the use of water curtains in the event of the release of hazardous chemicals (four hours)
	Practical training: Setting up water curtains (field training at the training area, including a simulation of a fire) (four hours)
<b><i>Wednesday, 4 September 2013 (at the IRPD)</i></b>	
09:00 – 10:20	Practical training: Personal protection equipment (Group 1)
	Practical training: Chemical reconnaissance and monitoring devices (Group 2)
	Practical training: Staff personal decontamination procedures (Group 3)
10:20 – 10:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:35 – 11:55	Practical training: Personal protection equipment (Group 3)
	Practical training: Chemical reconnaissance and monitoring devices (Group 1)
	Practical training: Staff personal decontamination procedures (Group 2)
11:55 – 12:10	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
12:10 – 13:30	Practical training: Personal protection equipment (Group 2)
	Practical training: Chemical reconnaissance and monitoring devices (Group 3)
	Practical training: Staff personal decontamination procedures (Group 1)
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 15:50	Lecture: Setting up operations in a contaminated area
15:50 – 16:05	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
16:05 – 17:20	Table-top exercise: Setting up operations in a contaminated area

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b><i>Thursday, 5 September 2013 (at the ICE)</i></b>	
09:00 – 18:00	Lecture: Medical protection of the population (two hours)
	Practical training: Management of forces and equipment in rescue operations in chemically contaminated areas (table-top exercise using training software “Clean-up during an emergency situation in an industrial facility”) (four hours)
	Practical training: First-response medical treatment (two hours)
<b><i>Friday, 6 September 2013 (at the IRPD)</i></b>	
09:00 – 10:20	Lecture: Notifying the population about an incident
10:35 – 13:30	Practical training: Localisation and elimination of toxic contamination
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 15:00	Test
15:00 – 15:40	Briefing: Organising feedback during the transmission of information (handling communications between the media and the population)
15:40 – 16:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
16:00 – 17:00	Summing-up and evaluation
17:00 – 17:30	Closing ceremony
<b><i>Saturday, 7 September 2013</i></b>	
	Departure

## Annex 2

**TRAINING COURSE**  
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**2 – 6 SEPTEMBER 2013**

**NOMINATION FORM**

Please submit the completed form, along with a brief curriculum vitae, **by 28 June 2013** to:  
The Director, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW

Attn: 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](mailto:EmergAssistBr@opcw.org)

Subject line for e-mail: “Training Course – Rescue Operations in Chemically Contaminated Areas, Belarus”

**Please type or use BLOCK LETTERS.**

1.	Government body making the nomination			
2.	Family name of nominee*			
3.	First name(s)*			
4.	Date of birth	Day	Month	Year
5.	Citizenship			
6.	Gender**	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	
7.	Passport number			
8.	Date of issue	Day	Month	Year
9.	Expiry date	Day	Month	Year
10.	Place of issue			
11.	Areas of expertise			
12.	Employer			
13.	Position			
14.	Employer's address (please do not give a post-office box number)	Street		
		Number	Post code	
		City		
		Country		
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		

\* Please give the first and family names exactly as they appear in the nominee's passport

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

18.	Has the nominee previously attended a course of this kind?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
		If yes, when and where?	
19.	Is sponsorship a condition of participation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
20.	Airport of departure		
21.	Dietary preferences	None <input type="checkbox"/>	Halal <input type="checkbox"/>
		Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify) <input type="checkbox"/> :
22.	Size	Gloves:	S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/>
		Boots (number):	
		Height (m):	
		Weight (kg):	

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