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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE TENTH INTERNATIONAL BASIC COURSE ON
ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION AGAINST CHEMICAL WEAPONS
KRUŠEVAC, SERBIA
2 - 6 JUNE 2014**

1. The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and the Government of Serbia wish to invite Member States to nominate candidates for an assistance-and-protection training course, which will be held from 2 to 6 June 2014 in Kruševac, Serbia.
2. This course is related to the offer made by Serbia under Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”), pertaining to assistance and protection against chemical weapons. The aim of the course is to provide training on the following:
 - (a) Planning and establishing a support team for the protection of civilian populations against chemical weapons;
 - (b) Mounting rescue operations in contaminated areas;
 - (c) Responding to incidents involving chemical-warfare agents;
 - (d) Using individual and collective protective equipment;
 - (e) Using monitoring, detection, and decontamination techniques; and
 - (f) Taking samples.
3. The course will also offer an overview of the kinds of assistance that the OPCW and Serbia can provide. The course will facilitate the exchange of information and experiences regarding the implementation of Article X of the Convention, and provide a forum for discussion among Member States on possible cooperation under Article X.
4. Given the purpose of the course and its focus on practical training, nominees should be first responders who will be responsible for providing assistance and protection against chemical weapons. All participants are expected to be physically fit and able to wear individual protective gear for several hours.



5. The Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor the attendance of 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, meals, and medical insurance, and will provide a limited subsistence allowance to cover sundry expenses. Accommodation for sponsored participants will be arranged by the Government of Serbia and will be paid for by the Secretariat. The Secretariat will not cover the accommodation costs of non-sponsored participants. Participants who are not sponsored are also expected to avail themselves of this accommodation and to confirm the necessary arrangements with the Secretariat.
6. Participants are requested to obtain any necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to Serbia.
7. When making travel arrangements for sponsored participants, the Secretariat will seek the most economical options. It will purchase the tickets and send them to the sponsored participants. Participants will only be allowed to purchase tickets locally if this leads to further savings for the Secretariat and if the Secretariat authorises it. To keep costs to a minimum, all participants are expected to **arrive no earlier than 1 June 2014** and to depart **no later than 7 June 2014**. 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 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 and to indicate to the Secretariat when they will be arriving and departing. Please be advised that participants must present an OPCW acceptance letter on arrival to register for the course.
8. All activities during the course will be conducted in English, and no interpretation services of any kind will be available. All participants are therefore expected to have a good command of English, both written and oral.
9. Interested applicants are invited to register their nomination form online, along with a brief curriculum vitae, via the OPCW website at: <http://www.opcw.org/events>. Please note that responses to all questions marked with * need to be provided, otherwise the application cannot be considered.
10. Interested applicants who are unable to submit an application online at <http://www.opcw.org/events> due to technical problems are requested to send their nomination form at Annex 2 and curriculum vitae to the email address EmergAssistBr@opcw.org. In this case, the subject line of the e-mail should contain the words "Serbia basic course 2014". Applications can also be sent by fax to +31 (0)70 416 3593 if none of the other options is possible. The application deadline for this course is **10 April 2014**.
11. The provisional programme for the course is included as Annex 1 to this Note. For additional information, please contact Mr Justo Quintero Mendez (+31 (0)70 416 3775) or Ms Olesea Becu (+31 (0)70 416 3593) of the Assistance and Protection

Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, or email
emergAssistBr@opcw.org.

Annexes:

Annex 1: Provisional Programme
Annex 2: Nomination Form

Annex 1

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time	Activity
Sunday, 1 June 2014	
	Participants arrive in Belgrade; lunch in Belgrade and transport to Kruševac
Monday, 2 June 2014	
09:00 – 10:00	Opening of the course Introduction to the course programme and the SAF ¹ CBRN ² Centre
10:00 – 10:15	Group photograph
10:15 – 10:45	Coffee/tea break
10:45 – 12:00	Lecture on Article X of the Convention
12:00 – 12:45	Lecture on chemical threats
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Lecture on the properties and characteristics of Schedule 1 toxic chemicals
19:00 – 21:00	Official dinner
Tuesday, 3 June 2014	
09:00 – 10:00	Distribution and demonstration of individual protective equipment (practical session)
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee/tea break
10:30 – 11:30	Lecture on the effects of toxic chemicals on populations and on medical protective measures, given by the MMA-NPCC ³
11:30 – 12:45	Lecture on the effects of toxic chemicals and the efficiency of the protective measures
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
15:00 – 17:00	Kruševac city tour (social event)
Wednesday, 4 June 2014	
09:00 – 10:30	The types, characteristics, and features of individual protective equipment
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee/tea break
11:00 – 11:45	Use of individual protective equipment (practical training)
11:45 – 12:45	Detection and identification of chemical weapons agents and toxic chemicals
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
Thursday, 5 June 2014	
09:00 – 10:15	Detection and identification equipment in the SAF (lecture and demonstration)
10:15 – 10:45	Coffee/tea break

¹ SAF = Serbian Armed Forces

² CBRN = chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear

³ MMA-NPCC = Military Medical Academy-National Poison Control Centre

Time	Activity
10:45 – 12:00	Demonstration of a mobile chemical laboratory (lecture)
12:00 – 12:45	Methodology for rapid assessment of the chemical situation in accidents involving toxic industrial chemicals (lecture)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Detection and identification equipment – presentation and possibilities (lecture and practical training)
Friday, 6 June 2014	
09:00 – 10:00	Types, materials, and principles of decontamination (lecture)
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee/tea break
10:30 – 11:30	Types, characteristics, and features of decontamination equipment (lecture)
11:30 – 12:45	Decontamination equipment – presentation and use (lecture and practical training)
12:45 – 13:10	Equipment maintenance and return
13:10 – 13:30	Course evaluation, lessons learned, and discussion
13:30 – 14:30	Official closing session
14:45 – 15:45	Lunch
Saturday, 7 June 2014	
	Transport to Belgrade and departure

Annex 2

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NOMINATION FORM

If you are unable to submit your application online via the OPCW website at <http://www.opcw.org/events>, please submit this completed form along with a brief curriculum vitae to the e-mail address EmergAssistBr@opcw.org by **10 April 2014**.

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
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	

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