



International Cooperation and Assistance Division

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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR A JOINT BASIC AND ADVANCED COURSE ON
ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION FOR RUSSIAN-SPEAKING PARTICIPANTS
SVETLAYA ROSCHCHA, BELARUS
1 – 10 JUNE 2015**

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 joint basic and advanced training course on assistance and protection, which will take place from 1 to 10 June 2015 in Svetlaya Roschcha, 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, 31 May 2015, and to depart no later than Thursday, 11 June 2015. 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 (the nomination forms should refer to the name and location of the course in the subject line of the e-mail). All materials must be received by the Secretariat no later than 17 April 2015.
 10. Additional information on the course may be obtained from the International Cooperation and Assistance Division. The contact person is Ms Ditta Ciganikova, who can be reached at +31 (0)70 416 3261.

Annexes: Annex 1: Provisional Programme
 Annex 2: Nomination Form

Annex 1

**JOINT BASIC AND ADVANCED COURSE ON ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION
FOR RUSSIAN SPEAKING PARTICIPANTS
SVETLAYA ROSCHCHA, BELARUS
1 – 10 JUNE 2015**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time	Event
<i>Monday, 1 June 2015</i>	
09:00 – 09:30	Opening ceremony
09:30 – 10:20	Course presentation, aims definition. Group photo
10:20 – 10:35	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:35 – 11:55	Familiarisation with the Institute for Retraining and Professional Development
11:55 – 12:10	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
12:10 – 13:30	Lecture: “Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction (Chemical Weapons Convention), Article X”
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 15:50	Lecture: Chemical threat: Chemical weapons, dangerous chemicals, chemical terrorism
15:50 – 16:10	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
16:10 – 17:20	Thematic discussion: After-effects of chemical incidents
<i>Tuesday, 2 June 2015</i>	
09:00 – 10:20	Lecture-discussion: Personal protection equipment
10:20 – 10:35	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:35 – 11:55	Lecture-discussion: Devices for chemical detection and control
11:55 – 12:10	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
12:10 – 13:30	Lecture-discussion: Sanitary processing staff
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 15:50	Lecture-discussion: Medical response at the scene of the incident
15:50 – 16:05	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
<i>Wednesday, 3 June 2015</i>	
09:00 – 10:20	Practical training: Personal protection equipment (Group 1)
	Practical training: Devices for chemical detection and control (Group 2)
	Practical training: Sanitary processing staff (Group 3)
10:20 – 10:35	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:35 – 11:55	Practical training: Personal protection equipment (Group 3)
	Practical training: Devices for chemical detection and control (Group 1)
	Practical training: Sanitary processing staff (Group 2)
11:55 – 12:10	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
12:10 – 13:30	Practical training: Personal protection equipment (Group 2)
	Practical training: Devices for chemical detection and control (Group 3)
	Practical training: Sanitary processing staff (Group 1)
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 15:50	Lecture: Organisation of actions the impact area

Time	Event
15:50 – 16:05	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
16:05 – 17:20	Table-top exercise: Role of the Incident Commander at the scene
Thursday, 4 June 2015	
09:00 – 13:30	Practical training: Modern means of chemical-agent detection (Special Rescue Team of the Ministry for Emergency Situations (MES) Belarus)
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch in Minsk</i>
14:30 – 17:20	Discussion: Coordination of Emergency Services Activities During Chemical Incidents Response (Management & Response Centre of the MES Belarus)
Friday, 5 June 2015	
09:00 – 13:30	Practical training: Localisation and elimination of dangerous agents (technological shafts)
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 15:55	Briefing: Localisation and elimination of dangerous agents
Saturday, 6 June 2015	
09:00 – 10:20	Basics of psychological support for rescuers and victims of chemical incidents
10:20 – 10:35	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:35 – 11:55	Basics of psychological support for rescuers and victims of chemical incidents (<i>cont'd</i>)
11:55 – 12:10	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
12:10 – 13:30	Basics of psychological support for rescuers and victims of chemical incidents (<i>cont'd</i>)
Monday, 8 June 2015	
09:00 – 10:20	Practical training: Localisation and elimination of dangerous agents (air transport)
10:20 – 10:35	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:35 – 13:30	Practical training: Localisation and elimination of dangerous agents (air transport) (<i>cont'd</i>)
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 15:50	Practical training: Localisation and elimination of dangerous agents (air transport) (<i>cont'd</i>)
15:50 – 16:05	Briefing: Localisation and elimination of dangerous agents (air transport)
Tuesday, 9 June 2015	
09:00 – 10:20	Practical training: Localisation and elimination of dangerous agents (road transport)
10:20 – 10:35	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:35 – 13:30	Practical training: Localisation and elimination of dangerous agents (road transport) (<i>cont'd</i>)
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 15:50	Practical training: Localisation and elimination of dangerous agents (road transport) (<i>cont'd</i>)
15:50 – 16:05	Briefing: Localisation and elimination of dangerous agents (road transport)

Time	Event
<i>Wednesday, 10 June 2015</i>	
09:00 – 10:20	Practical training (exercise): Localisation and elimination of dangerous agents (railway transport)
10:20 – 10:35	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:35 – 13:30	Practical training (exercise): Localisation and elimination of dangerous agents (railway transport) (<i>cont'd</i>)
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 15:00	Course evaluation
15:00 – 15:50	Closing ceremony

Annex 2

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NOMINATION FORM

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	

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

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):	