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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR A REGIONAL TRAINING COURSE ON
CHEMICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOR POLICE FIRST RESPONDERS
BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA
3 – 7 APRIL 2017**

1. On behalf of the Government of Colombia and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Director-General wishes to invite Member States from the GRULAC¹ region to nominate qualifying representatives to participate in a regional training course on chemical emergency response intended for first responders from police and/or law enforcement authorities, which will take place from 3 to 7 April 2017 in Bogotá, Colombia.
2. The course will be jointly organised by the Government of Colombia and the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”). It will provide training for up to 20 participants in aspects related to response to attacks with chemical warfare agents and incidents with toxic industrial chemicals under the provisions of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”).
3. The course will offer an introduction to basic toxicology, the types and uses of individual protective equipment, reconnaissance, detection, decontamination, and forensics, as well as other relevant topics. It will also cover elements related to risk assessment, prevention, and response to chemical emergencies. The course is also aimed at facilitating the exchange of information and fostering networking among the participants, with a view to enhancing the implementation of Article X of the Convention in the GRULAC region.
4. Candidates for this course should preferably belong to institutions such as the police and/or other national law enforcement bodies from GRULAC Member States that would act as first responders in a chemical emergency. Consequently, participants will be carefully selected based on their current functions. Participants should also be physically fit and able to wear individual protective gear during the practical sessions of the course.
5. Endorsement by the National Authority of the candidate’s Member State is a prerequisite for being considered in the selection process.
6. The Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor a maximum of 20 participants. When proposing candidates for the course, Member States should specify whether such

¹ GRULAC = Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.



sponsorship is a condition of their participation. For sponsored participants, the Secretariat will cover the costs of travel, accommodation, transfers to and from the airport, medical insurance, and meals (lunch), and will provide a limited subsistence allowance to cover sundry expenses.

7. Further details regarding accommodation, the course venue, transport, and the final programme will be issued to participants in due course.
8. When making travel arrangements for sponsored participants, the Secretariat will seek the most economical options. Sponsored participants are encouraged to use the tickets provided by the Secretariat. Participants are expected to arrive **no earlier than Sunday, 2 April 2017** and to depart **no later than Saturday, 8 April 2017**. 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 must bear all costs resulting from changes they make, including cancellations, once the Secretariat has purchased their tickets.
9. Participants are requested to obtain all necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to Colombia.
10. The course will be conducted in Spanish, and participants are therefore required to have a good working knowledge of Spanish, both written and oral. No interpretation services will be provided during this course.
11. Interested candidates are invited to complete the nomination form that is included as Annex 2 to this Note, giving their full name, passport details, address, fax and telephone numbers, email address, current functions, and area(s) of expertise. The completed nomination form, together with a brief curriculum vitae for each nominee, should be sent to the Assistance and Protection Branch of the International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW, Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands. Nominations may be submitted by email to EmergAssistBr@opcw.org with a reference to the title and location of the course in the subject line of the message. Nominations should be submitted as soon as possible, but **no later than 30 November 2016**, in order to allow sufficient time for the Secretariat to make the necessary arrangements.
12. 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 the Assistance and Protection Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division:

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Annexes:

Annex 1: Provisional Programme
Annex 2 (English only): Nomination Form

Annex 1

**TRAINING COURSE ON CHEMICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOR POLICE
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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time	Activity
<i>Sunday, 2 April 2017</i>	
	Arrival of participants and transfer to accommodation
<i>Monday, 3 April 2017</i>	
07.20	Departure to facilities of the Colombian National Police
08.00 – 08.40	Opening ceremony
08.40 – 09.00	Official photograph
09.00 – 09.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
09.15 – 09.30	Administrative and practical introduction
09.30 – 09.45	Introduction of participants and instructors
09.45 – 10.40	Presentation: The OPCW and the current implementation of Article X
10.40 – 11:00	Presentation: The Colombian National Authority to the Chemical Weapons Convention
11:00 – 12:00	Presentation: The Colombian National Police and its CBRN ² intervention unit
12.00 – 13.30	<i>Lunch</i>
13.30 – 14.30	Presentation: Introduction to chemical weapons
14.30 – 15.30	Presentation: Toxic industrial chemicals and chemical weapons
15.30 – 15.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.45 – 16.45	Presentation: Detection of chemical weapons
16.45 – 17.45	Workshop: Detection equipment
17.50	Return to the hotel
<i>Tuesday, 4 April 2017</i>	
07.20	Departure to the facilities of the Colombian National Police
08.00 – 08.30	Presentation: Individual protection levels
08.30 – 09.00	Presentation: Respiratory protection
09.00 – 10.00	Presentation: Individual protective equipment
10.00 – 10.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.15 – 11.00	Workshop: Cross contamination
11.00 – 11.15	Presentation: Sample collection
11.15 – 12.00	Demo session: “clean” and “dirty” man.
12.00 – 13.30	<i>Lunch</i>
13.30 – 14.30	Presentation: Medical aspects related to emergency response
14.30 – 15.30	Presentation: Triage

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CBRN = chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear.

Time	Activity
15.30 – 15.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.45 – 16.45	Workshop: Triage
16.00 – 16.45	Workshop: Bifocal masks
17.20	Return to the hotel
Wednesday, 5 April 2017	
07.20	Departure to the facilities of the Colombian National Police
08.00 – 09.00	Presentation: Dissemination and neutralisation methods
09.00 – 10.00	Presentation: Decontamination
10.00 – 10.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.15 – 12.00	Workshop: Donning and doffing
12.00 – 13.30	<i>Lunch</i>
13.30 – 14.30	Presentation: Explosives and detonators
14.30 – 16.00	Presentation: Specialised information systems
16.00 – 16.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.15 – 17.45	Workshop: Incident Command System
17.20	Return to the hotel
Thursday, 6 April 2017	
07.20	Departure to the facilities of the Colombian National Police
08.00 – 10.00	Workshop: Group A: Forensic work in criminal incidents with chemical warfare agents Group B: Sample collection
10.00 – 10.15	<i>Coffee break/hydration</i>
10.15 – 12.00	Workshop: Reconnaissance
12.00 – 13.30	<i>Lunch</i>
13.30 – 15.30	Guided field exercise NBC 004.
15.30 – 16.00	Recovery and return of equipment
16.00 – 17:00	Discussion: Lessons learned from field exercise
17:00	Return to the hotel
Friday, 7 April 2017	
07.00	Departure to the facilities of the Colombian National Police
07.30 – 08.00	Final exercise: Equipment and response planning
08.00 – 08.15	<i>Coffee break/hydration</i>
08.15 – 10.30	Final exercise: scenario NBC 004
10.30 – 11.00	Recovery and return of equipment
11.00 – 11.40	Field exercise evaluation and final discussion
11.40 – 12.00	Final test
12.00 – 13.00	<i>Lunch</i>
13.00 – 13.45	Awarding of certificates and closing
Evening	Departure of participants

Annex 2

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NOMINATION FORM

Please submit the completed form, along with a brief curriculum vitae, **by 30 November 2016**
to: The Director, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW
Attention: Assistance and Protection Branch
Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands
Email: EmergAssistBr@opcw.org

(Please indicate the title and location of the course in the subject line of the email)

Please type or use BLOCK LETTERS

Family name of nominee ³			
First name(s)			
Date of birth	Day	Month	Year
Citizenship			
Gender ⁴	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	
Passport number			
Date of issue	Day	Month	Year
Date of expiry	Day	Month	Year
Place of issue			
Employer			
Position			
Please describe your current functions			
Contact address (Please do not give a post office box number)	Street		
	Number	Postcode	
	City		
	Country		
Airport of departure			
Email address			

³ Please give the first and family names exactly as they appear in the nominee's passport.

⁴ For this and all like items, please tick the appropriate box.

Telephone numbers, including country and city codes	Home
	Work
	Mobile
Endorsement by National Authority	(Name, signature, and stamp of institution)
Is sponsorship a condition of participation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>