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### NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

#### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AN OPCW ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION COURSE FOR INSTRUCTORS FROM LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES PARTIES, LIMA, PERU, 3 – 7 SEPTEMBER 2018**

1. On behalf of the Government of Peru and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Director-General wishes to invite States Parties from the Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC) to nominate representatives to participate in an assistance and protection course for instructors from the GRULAC region, which will take place from 3 to 7 September 2018 in Lima, Peru.
2. This course will help participating States Parties enhance the knowledge and skills of their national instructors involved in training first responders to cases of chemical attacks or incidents involving toxic industrial chemicals, and will be jointly organised by the Government of Peru and the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”).
3. The course will provide training for up to 20 instructors from institutions in the GRULAC region involved in the provision of regional assistance and protection and emergency response training under Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention.
4. The course is expected to contribute to the enhancement of regional response capabilities as a whole, and is aimed at consolidating the Secretariat’s regional approach to assistance and protection capacity-building within the GRULAC region by providing updated information and skills to regional instructors. Participants will also have the opportunity to engage in an extensive information exchange and networking, specifically targeting practices and procedures related to assistance and protection training.
5. The course will cover the following topics, among others:
  - (a) chemical warfare agents and toxic industrial chemicals (theoretical segment);
  - (b) protection of personnel and equipment during a chemical emergency;
  - (c) rescue and decontamination operations in contaminated areas; and
  - (d) appropriate responses and countermeasures during incidents involving chemical warfare agents or toxic industrial chemicals; and
  - (e) the didactics of emergency response training.



6. Given the purpose of the course and its technical nature, candidates will be carefully selected according to the following criteria:
  - (a) Applicants should be first responders, instructors or trainers, or be involved in the implementation of emergency response policies in their own countries. They should preferably belong to the staff of training institutions in the GRULAC region. Ideally, applicants should also have passed courses provided by the OPCW at the exercise level.
  - (b) Participants must be physically fit and capable of wearing individual protective equipment for several hours at a time.
  - (c) As the course will be conducted in Spanish, participants must have a good command of the Spanish language. No interpretation services of any kind will be provided.
7. In principle, only one participant per State Party will be selected. However, States Parties with more than one suitable candidate are encouraged to nominate them.
8. The Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor a limited number of participants. For sponsored participants, it will cover the costs of accommodation, travel, medical insurance, and meals, and will provide a limited subsistence allowance to cover sundry expenses. Participants will arrive in Lima on Sunday, 2 September 2018 and depart on Saturday, 8 September 2018. The Secretariat will not cover expenses unrelated to the course or that result from unauthorised changes to travel arrangements. Participants are requested to obtain all necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to Peru.
9. Interested individuals are invited to complete the nomination form that is included as Annex 2 to this Note, making sure in particular to provide all of the contact details that are requested. Completed forms, along with a brief curriculum vitae, should be sent by email ([EmergAssistBr@opcw.org](mailto:EmergAssistBr@opcw.org) and [justo.quinteromendez@opcw.org](mailto:justo.quinteromendez@opcw.org) with "Lima 2018" in the subject line. All materials must be received by the Secretariat no later than 15 July 2018. Endorsement of the National Authority will be a prerequisite for acceptance.
10. The provisional programme of the course is included as Annex 1 to this Note. Further details regarding accommodation, the course venue, transport and an updated version of the programme will be submitted to all selected participants at a later date. Any questions should be addressed to the Assistance and Protection Branch of the International Cooperation and Assistance Division. The contact persons are Mr Justo Quintero Mendez (Tel: +31(0)70 416 3775) and Ms María Elena Bruno-Pousadela, (Tel: +31(0) 40 416 3217).

#### Annexes

- Annex 1: Provisional Programme  
Annex 2: Nomination Form

## Annex 1

**OPCW ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION TRAINING COURSE FOR  
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**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

Time	Activity
<b><i>Sunday, 2 September 2018</i></b>	
	Arrival of participants
<b><i>Monday, 3 September 2018</i></b>	
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:45	Opening ceremony
09:45 – 10:00	Group picture
10:00 – 10:15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:15 – 10:30	Exercise objectives and introduction of participants
10:30 – 11:00	Presentation: Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention: status and challenges
11:00 – 11:15	Individual evaluation
11:15 – 12:00	Presentation: The implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention in Peru
12:00 - 13:00	Presentation: Status of Implementation of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention in the GRULAC region.
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 – 15:30	Theoretical segment number 1
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
16:00 – 17:30	Theoretical segment number 2
17:30 – 18:00	Discussion
19:00 –	Reception hosted by OPCW
<b><i>Tuesday, 4 September 2018</i></b>	
09:30 – 11:30	Theoretical segment number 3
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
12:00 – 13:00	The effects of and treatments of chemical weapons poisoning
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:30 – 15:00	Detection of chemical warfare agents
15:00 – 16:00	Toxic industrial chemicals
16:00 – 16:15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
16:15 – 17:00	Principles of individual protective equipment (IPE)
17:00 – 18:00	Collective Protection
<b><i>Wednesday, 5 September 2018</i></b>	
09:00 – 10:00	Practical aspects of the use of IPE
10:00 – 10:15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:15 – 11:00	Nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) reconnaissance
11:00 – 13:00	Sampling and analysis, and its use in identifying chemical warfare agents
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 – 15:00	NBC decontamination

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
15:00 – 16:00	Decontamination of casualties (I)
16:00 – 16:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:15 – 17:00	Decontamination of casualties (II)
17:00 – 17:30	Discussion and conclusions
<b><i>Thursday, 6 September 2018</i></b>	
09:00 – 10:30	Determining training needs
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00 – 13:00	The didactics of emergency response training
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 – 15:30	Incident command system approach
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
15:45 – 16:15	Division into groups.
17:00 – 17:30	Table-top exercise: scenario set-up and emergency planning
<b><i>Friday, 7 September 2018</i></b>	
<b>Segment 3: Conclusions</b>	
09:00 – 09:30	Table-top exercise: response activities
09:30 – 10:15	Table-top exercise: mitigation, recovery, and debriefing
10:15 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00 – 11:45	Course discussion and evaluation
11:45 – 12:30	Presentation of certificates and closing ceremony
Afternoon	Departure of participants

**Annex 2**

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Please submit the completed form, along with a brief curriculum vitae, by **15 July** to:

Director, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW

c/o Assistance and Protection Branch

Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands

e-mail: [EmergAssistBr@opcw.org](mailto:EmergAssistBr@opcw.org) and [justo.quinteromendez@opcw.org](mailto:justo.quinteromendez@opcw.org)

Please include “Lima 2018” in the subject line of your e-mail.

**NOMINATION FORM**

**Please type or use BLOCK LETTERS**

Family name of nominee*			
First name(s)*			
Date of birth	Day	Month	Year
Citizenship			
Gender**	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	
Passport number			
Date of issue	Day	Month	Year
Expiry date	Day	Month	Year
Place of issue			
Areas of expertise			
Employer			
Position			
Contact address (Please do not give a post office box number)	Street		
	Number	Postcode	
	City		
	Country		
Email address			
Telephone numbers, including country and	Home		
	Work		

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

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

city codes	Mobile	
Fax numbers, including country and city codes	Home	
	Work	
City of departure		
Has the nominee previously taken part in a course of this kind?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If so, when and where?	
Is sponsorship a condition of participation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Dietary preferences	None <input type="checkbox"/> Halal <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) <input type="checkbox"/> :	
Size	Gloves:	S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/>
	Boots (number):	
	Height (m):	
	Weight (kg):	