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REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE NINTH REGIONAL BASIC TRAINING COURSE
ON EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO CHEMICAL INCIDENTS
FOR STATES PARTIES IN ASIA
SEOUL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA
29 JUNE – 3 JULY 2020**

1. On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Director-General wishes to invite States Parties in Asia to nominate representatives to participate in the ninth regional basic training course on emergency response to chemical incidents, which will take place from 29 June to 3 July 2020 in Seoul, Republic of Korea.
2. The course, which will be jointly organised by the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”), is related to capacity building for national and regional emergency response within the framework of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”), and will provide training for up to 20 participants in planning and building a support team for civil protection, civil defence, and decontamination operations in contaminated areas, as well as in appropriate responses and countermeasures in the event of incidents involving chemical warfare agents or toxic industrial chemicals. It will also give an overview of what kind of assistance the OPCW, the host country, and Member States in Asia can provide, and will assist participating Member States in establishing a basic capability in protection from chemical weapons, which will directly benefit their civilian populations.
3. The course will offer a basic introduction to the use of protective equipment and monitoring, detection, and decontamination techniques. Participants completing the basic course will acquire general knowledge of chemical warfare agents and toxic industrial chemicals, and knowledge and understanding of the use of individual protective equipment, equipment for detection and decontamination, and medical countermeasures. The course will facilitate the exchange of information and experiences regarding the implementation of Article X of the Convention and will provide a forum for the discussion of future cooperation among participating Member States and what further assistance they might provide to the OPCW under Article X.
4. Given the purpose of the course and its technical nature, candidates will be carefully selected and should be physically fit and able to wear individual protective equipment for several hours at a time during the practical sessions of the course. They should also have experience in assistance and protection against chemical weapons. Preference will be given to police officers involved in emergency response to



chemical incidents. In addition, it is desirable that participants have some practical experience with protective equipment.

5. It should be noted that the course is part of a tailored approach to training, focused on annual training cycles conducted at the regional level. In line with this approach to capacity-building projects under Article X, it is expected that participants selected for this course will also participate in the advanced regional assistance and protection course and field exercise to be held later in 2020 in China and Malaysia.
6. The Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor the participation 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 and medical insurance, and will provide a limited subsistence allowance to cover sundry expenses. The course materials, accommodation, meals, and local transport during the course will be provided at no cost to the participants. Further details regarding accommodation, the course venue, and transport will be issued to all confirmed participants at a later date.
7. When making travel arrangements for sponsored participants, the Secretariat will seek the most economical options. Participants will be allowed to purchase tickets locally only if this leads to further savings for the Secretariat and if the Secretariat authorises it. In order for the Secretariat to keep costs to a minimum, sponsored participants are expected to arrive **no earlier than Sunday, 28 June 2020** and to depart **no later than Saturday, 4 July 2020**. 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. Participants who have not been sponsored are requested to make their own travel arrangements and to inform the Secretariat accordingly.
8. All activities during the course will be conducted in English, and no interpretation services of any kind will be provided. Participants are therefore expected to have a good written and oral command of the English language.
9. Participants are requested to obtain all necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to the Republic of Korea.
10. Interested applicants are invited to register their nomination online through EVENTUS – the OPCW event management system – **no later than 24 April 2020**. The EVENTUS registration link is accessible via the OPCW website at: <http://apps.opcw.org/eventus>. Please note that all questions marked with an asterisk (*) must be answered and an endorsement letter from the relevant National Authority (Annex 2) must be attached in order for the nomination to be received and for the candidate to be considered for this event.
11. Interested applicants who, for technical reasons, are unable to submit their application online are requested to first create an account within Eventus, and then send an application request by email to EmergAssistBr@opcw.org with the name and location of the event in the subject line. This email should be sent from the email address in the applicant's Eventus account with the National Authority endorsement form

attached (Annex 2). Selected participants will be contacted no later than two weeks after the submission deadline.

12. Additional information may be obtained from the Assistance and Protection Branch of the International Cooperation and Assistance Division. The contact person is Mr Guy Valente (Tel: +31 (0)70 416 3423; Email: gvalente@opcw.org).

Annexes:

- Annex 1: Provisional Programme
Annex 2: Endorsement Form

Annex 1

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time	Activity
<i>Sunday, 28 June 2020</i>	
	Arrival of participants and registration
<i>Monday, 29 June 2020</i>	
08:30 – 09:00	Course overview
09:00 – 09:45	Course opening and group photo of participants
09:45 – 10:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:00 – 10:50	Lecture: The OPCW, the Convention, and its Article X on assistance and protection against chemical weapons
10:50 – 12:00	Lecture: Implementation of the Convention in the host country
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:00	Lecture: The OPCW and delivery of assistance operations
14:00 – 14:30	Chemical weapons: History of the battlefield and terrorist attacks
14:30 – 14:45	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
14:45 – 15:30	Lecture: Introduction to chemical warfare agents, their classification, and toxic effects
15:30 – 16:15	Lecture: Detection of chemical weapons agents (methods and equipment)
16:15 – 17:00	Practical exercise: Detection of chemical weapons agents using detection equipment
18:30 – 20:30	Reception
<i>Tuesday, 30 June 2020</i>	
08:00 – 08:45	Lecture: Physical protection against chemical warfare agents (individual)
08:45 – 09:30	Lecture: Physical protection against chemical warfare agents (collective)
09:30 – 09:45	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
09:45 – 10:45	Demonstration: Individual protective equipment (IPE)
10:45 – 12:00	Lecture: Response to emergencies involving chemical agents, and corresponding operating procedures
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:00	Exercise: Use of IPE (donning and doffing)
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
15:15 – 16:30	Exercise: Use of IPE (donning and doffing) (continued)
<i>Wednesday, 1 July 2020</i>	
08:00 – 08:50	Lecture: Decontamination after an incident involving chemical warfare agents or toxic industrial chemicals
08:50 – 09:45	Lecture: Decontamination equipment and materials
09:45 – 10:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:00 – 11:45	Reconnaissance and sampling operation procedures
11:45 – 12:50	<i>Lunch</i>
12:50 – 13:40	Lecture: Setting up a decontamination station

Time	Activity
13:40 – 16:40	Exercise: Setting up a decontamination station
18:30 – 20:30	<i>Official dinner</i>
<i>Thursday, 2 July 2020</i>	
08:00 – 09:45	Medical management of chemical weapons casualties
09:45 – 10:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:00 – 11:45	Exercise: Chemical casualty management (first aid in the field)
11:45 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:15	Incident command systems during a chemical attack/incident
14:15 – 15:00	Presentations and discussion: Chemical incident response
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
15:15 – 17:00	Exercise: Emergency response planning and WISER ¹
<i>Friday, 3 July 2020</i>	
08:30 – 10:30	Course review and evaluation
10:30 – 10:45	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:45 – 11:45	Closing ceremony
11:45 – 13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>Saturday, 4 July 2020</i>	
	Departure of participants

¹ WISER = wireless information system for emergency responders.

Annex 2

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ENDORSEMENT BY THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY

This form must be signed, duly sealed, and uploaded while submitting your application online (<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus>)

Please type or use BLOCK LETTERS

I, _____, Head/Chief Coordinator of the National Authority of the State Party of _____, on behalf of the Government of _____, hereby endorse the nomination of Mr/Ms _____, holding the position/designation of _____ in the Office/Division/Branch of _____, as indicated in the attached nomination form, for participation in the ninth regional basic training course on emergency response to chemical incidents, which will take place from 29 June to 3 July 2020 in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Official seal of the Organisation: