



**NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS  
FOR THE TWENTIETH REGIONAL MEETING OF NATIONAL AUTHORITIES  
OF STATES PARTIES IN EASTERN EUROPE  
(ONLINE)  
2 – 3 JUNE 2021**

1. On behalf of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Director-General wishes to invite the representatives of National Authorities to attend the Twentieth Regional Meeting of National Authorities of States Parties in Eastern Europe, which will be held online from 2 to 3 June 2021.
2. This regional meeting of National Authorities will serve as a forum in which the States Parties discuss needs, priorities, actions taken, and best practices in relation to the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) at national and regional levels.
3. The purpose of the meeting is to facilitate discussions of:
  - (a) the national implementation of the Convention, including issues concerning Article VI-related obligations, such as the status of submissions of declarations, and trade and transfer discrepancies;
  - (b) the use of the Protection and Assistance Databank (PAD);
  - (c) issues related to chemical safety and security, including the role of women in chemical safety and security management;
  - (d) facilitating the use of electronic tools such as the Secure Information Exchange (SIX) and the Electronic Declaration Information System (EDIS); and
  - (e) the status of the OPCW Centre for Chemistry and Technology (ChemTech Centre) Project.
4. The expected results of the meeting include:
  - (a) increased yearly submissions of Article VII and Article X (paragraph 4) responses via the online Article VII and PAD platforms;
  - (b) increased participant understanding of high-risk chemicals and their applications;



- (c) increased role of women in chemical safety and security management;
  - (d) improved understanding of follow-up actions and best practices of States Parties in relation to the implementation of the Convention;
  - (e) improved understanding of specific issues related to Articles VI, VII, X, and XI of the Convention and the respective support provided by the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat); and
  - (f) increased use of SIX and EDIS tools amongst participating States Parties.
5. The meeting will address issues related to Articles VII, X, and XI on 2 June 2021 and issues related to Article VI on 3 June 2021. Participants are expected to attend both days of the meeting. A detailed provisional agenda will be shared with participants in due course and well ahead of the meeting.
  6. National Authorities may express their interest in bilateral consultation with the Secretariat on specific issues related to national implementation of the Convention.
  7. The meetings will be conducted in English. All participants are therefore expected to have a good oral and written command of English.
  8. Interested National Authority representatives are invited to register online **no later than 14 May 2021** through the OPCW event management system Eventus (<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus>). Each application must be accompanied by an endorsement form (Annex) from the applicant’s respective National Authority. This document should be uploaded in Eventus during the registration process.
  9. Additional information about this meeting or registration for it may be obtained from the Implementation Support Branch of the International Cooperation and Assistance Division of the OPCW. The contact persons are Mr Vaclovas Semaskevicius (Email: [vaclovas.semaskevicius@opcw.org](mailto:vaclovas.semaskevicius@opcw.org); Tel: +31 (0) 70 416 3270) and Ms Olukemi Adenuga (Email: [olukemi.adenuga@opcw.org](mailto:olukemi.adenuga@opcw.org); Tel: +31 (0) 70 416 3923).

Annex: Endorsement Form

**Annex**

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**ENDORSEMENT BY THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY**

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

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Head/Chief Coordinator of the  
National Authority of the State Party of \_\_\_\_\_, on  
behalf of the Government of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby endorse the  
application of Mr/Ms \_\_\_\_\_, holding the  
position/designation of \_\_\_\_\_  
in the Office/Division/Branch of \_\_\_\_\_,  
for participation in the Twentieth Regional Meeting of National Authorities of States Parties in  
Eastern Europe, to be held online from 2 to 3 June 2021.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Official seal of the National Authority: