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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY AND NATIONAL AUTHORITIES OF STATES PARTIES TO THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION 18 TO 20 OCTOBER 2022

1. On behalf of the Government of Qatar, the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) wishes to invite National Authorities and representatives from national chemical industry associations to submit applications for the Ninth Annual Meeting of Representatives of the Chemical Industry and National Authorities of States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”), to be held in Doha, Qatar, from 18 to 20 October 2022.
2. The event seeks to enhance cooperation between the chemical industry and National Authorities to support the full and effective implementation of the Convention.
3. The chemical industry has been recognised as a key stakeholder in the implementation of the Convention. The Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention highlighted the important role that the chemical industry has to play in the implementation of the Convention and encouraged the Secretariat to continue to strengthen its relations with regional and international chemical industry associations.
4. The objectives of the meeting are to:
 - (a) promote cooperation between National Authorities and the chemical industry;
 - (b) provide an occasion to share experiences, challenges, and good practices in relation to the implementation of the Convention at the national, regional, and global levels; and
 - (c) enhance awareness of particular requirements in relation to the Convention among representatives of the chemical industry and National Authorities, and thereby enhance the capacity of both stakeholders to implement relevant provisions in a timely and effective manner.
5. The provisional programme for the meeting is attached as the Annex to this Note. The meeting will focus on the following topics:
 - (a) capacity-building needs and requirements of States Parties with small and medium-sized chemical industries;



- (b) best practices in sensitising and raising awareness of the Convention among small and medium-sized chemical industries; and
- (c) cooperation between the National Authority and the chemical industry in addressing issues of security in the transport of chemicals.

Participants in the meeting may be invited to deliver presentations to share experiences or information on any of the above topics.

6. States Parties with relevant chemical industry activities and stakeholders are invited to nominate **two participants** for this meeting, one from the National Authority and one from a national chemical industry association. Nominations with only one participant from a State Party (either from the National Authority or a chemical industry representative) will not be considered. States Parties are strongly encouraged to nominate candidates who have not participated in previous such meetings.
7. The meeting will be conducted in English. All participants are therefore expected to have a good command of English.
8. The Secretariat will sponsor two participants per State Party. For sponsored participants, the Secretariat will cover the costs of travel, accommodation, meals, and medical insurance for the duration of the meeting and will provide a limited subsistence allowance to cover sundry expenses. The Secretariat will not pay for medical assistance. Participants should therefore be fit to travel. All participants taking prescribed medication should arrive with supplies sufficient for the duration of the event.
9. Applications by the nominated participants should be submitted online through the OPCW event management system, Eventus (<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus>) before **Wednesday, 7 September 2022**. Applications must be reviewed and endorsed digitally in Eventus by the respective National Authority no later than **Friday, 9 September 2022**, to be followed by the final review by the Secretariat.
10. The Secretariat will cover participants' costs related to undertaking a COVID-19 PCR¹ test on completion of the meeting and in good time before travelling back to their country of origin. Participants who choose to not avail themselves of the COVID-19 PCR test provided and, as a result, incur additional costs, will bear full responsibility for their choice and must cover any such additional costs (including for additional accommodation and/or flight changes) themselves.
11. In the unfortunate event that a participant needs to undergo quarantine in-country because of a positive test for COVID-19, all costs incurred to comply with the country's health regulations will be covered by the OPCW's insurance policy. However, if the participant's country of origin, or any country of transit in the official travel, has additional health regulations, any supplementary costs incurred by these additional regulations will be borne by the participant. Any medical care required due to COVID-19 related symptoms during the period of training will also be covered by the OPCW's insurance policy. Further details will be made available to selected participants along with relevant travel documents.

¹ PCR = polymerase chain reaction.

12. Additional information about the meeting may be obtained from the Implementation Support Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, of the OPCW. The contact persons are Ms Sharon Rivera (Tel: +31 (0)70 416 3437, Email: sharon.rivera@opcw.org) and Ms Olukemi Adenuga (+31 (0)70 4163923, olukemi.adenuga@opcw.org).

Annex: Provisional Programme

Annex

**NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY
AND NATIONAL AUTHORITIES OF STATES PARTIES
TO THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION
DOHA, QATAR**

18 – 20 OCTOBER 2022

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time	Activity
<i>Tuesday, 18 October 2022</i>	
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:30	Opening ceremony Introduction to the programme of the meeting Group photograph
09:30 – 10:00	Updates from the Technical Secretariat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation by the Technical Secretariat - Q&A and discussion
10:00 – 10:30	Updates from industry and trade organisations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ICCA * presentation - ICTA ** presentation - Q&A and discussion
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00 – 13:00	Theme 1 – Capacity-building needs and requirements of States Parties with small and medium-sized chemical industries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentations by the Technical Secretariat and international partners - National presentations - Q&A and discussion
13:00 – 14:00	Break-out group discussion on Theme 1
14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>Wednesday, 19 October 2022</i>	
08:30 – 10:30	Theme 2 – Best practices in sensitising and raising awareness on the Convention among small and medium-sized chemical industries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentations by the Technical Secretariat and international partners - National presentations - Q&A and discussion
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Break-out group discussion on Theme 2
12:00 – 14:00	Theme 3 – Cooperation between the National Authority and the chemical industry in addressing issues on security in the transport of chemicals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentations by the Technical Secretariat and international partners - National presentations - Q&A and discussion
14:00	<i>Lunch</i>

Time	Activity
<i>Thursday, 20 October 2022</i>	
08:30 – 09:30	Discussions on Theme 3, continued
09:30 – 10:30	Break-out group discussion on Theme 3
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00 – 12:30	Presentations by the break-out groups
12:30 – 13:30	Presentation of Outcome Report
13:30 – 14:00	Evaluation and closing of the meeting
14:00	<i>Lunch</i>

* ICCA: International Council of Chemical Associations

** ICTA: International Chemical Trade Association

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