



NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
FOR THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF NATIONAL AUTHORITIES OF STATES
PARTIES IN THE WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP
ONLINE
2 JULY 2024**

1. The Technical Secretariat of the OPCW (the Secretariat) wishes to invite representatives of National Authorities to attend the first technical meeting on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Convention) for National Authorities of States Parties of the Western European and Others Group (WEOG), which will be held virtually on 2 July 2024, from 10:00 to 13:00 (CET).
2. This online meeting of National Authorities will serve as a forum for States Parties in the WEOG region to discuss technical implementation issues, challenges, best practices, and other issues relating to the Convention.
3. The purpose of the meeting is to facilitate an exchange of information and views on:
 - (a) activities in the Verification, Inspectorate, and International Cooperation and Assistance Divisions;
 - (b) experiences and challenges related to resolving transfer discrepancies; and
 - (c) best practices regarding outreach and engagement with the chemical industry.
4. The expected results of the meeting are to:
 - (a) provide participants with relevant and updated information on activities by the Secretariat relevant to States Parties in WEOG;
 - (b) deepen the understanding of challenges and best practices in relation to specific verification issues; and
 - (c) strengthen the network among Convention focal points and National Authorities of States Parties in WEOG.
5. The provisional programme for this meeting is included as the Annex to this Note.

* Reissued for technical reasons.



6. Interested National Authority representatives are invited to register their nominations online—**no later than 7 June 2024**—through Eventus, the OPCW event management system (<https://eventus.opcw.org/Home?eventid=559>). All nominations must be electronically endorsed by the National Authority. Participation of female representatives from the National Authorities is strongly encouraged.
7. Any queries or additional information about this meeting or registration may be obtained from the Implementation Support Branch of the International Cooperation and Assistance Division of the Secretariat. The focal person for this event is Ms Elena Gjoreska (Email: elena.gjoreska@opcw.org).

Annex: Provisional Programme

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time (CET)	Agenda Item
<i>Tuesday, 2 July 2024</i>	
10:00 – 10:10	Opening remarks by Odette Melono, Deputy Director-General of the OPCW
10:10 – 10:20	Overview of the meeting's programme and objectives
10:20 – 10:45	Update from the Secretariat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Update on international cooperation and assistance activities – Update on the National Authority Mentorship/Partnership Programme – Questions and answers (Q&A)
10:45 – 11:45	Experiences and challenges related to transfer discrepancies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Key studies and presentations by States Parties – Best practices from the Secretariat's experience – Q&A
11:45 – 12:00	<i>Break</i>
12:00 – 12:40	Outreach and engagement with the chemical industry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Presentations by the Secretariat (International Cooperation and Assistance (ICA), Verification (VER), and Inspectorate (INS) Divisions) – Q&A
12:40 – 13:00	Conclusions and next steps