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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR A MEETING OF NATIONAL AUTHORITIES OF STATES PARTIES FROM WESTERN EUROPE AND OTHERS GROUP ONLINE AND IN THE HAGUE, 4 JULY 2025

- 1. The Technical Secretariat of the OPCW (the Secretariat) wishes to invite representatives of National Authorities to attend the annual 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 in a hybrid format, virtually and in The Hague, on 4 July 2025, from 10:00 to 13:30 (CET).
- 2. This hybrid 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.

- 6. Interested National Authority representatives are invited to register their nominations online—no later than 16 May 2025—through Eventus, the OPCW event management system (https://eventus.opcw.org). All nominations must be electronically endorsed by the National Authority. The Secretariat strongly encourages women representatives from WEOG States Parties and National Authorities to participate.
- 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

Annex

TECHNICAL MEETING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION FOR NATIONAL AUTHORITIES OF STATES PARTIES IN THE WESTERN EUROPE AND OTHERS GROUP ONLINE AND IN THE HAGUE 4 JULY 2025

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time (CET)	Agenda Item
Friday, 4 July 2025	
10:00 – 10:10	Welcoming remarks
10:10 – 10:15	Meeting programme and objectives
10:15 – 10:30	Update on International Cooperation and Assistance activities under Articles VII, X, and XI including the status of compendiums of best practices on chemical security legislation, and resolving transfer discrepancies
10:30 – 11:00	Updates from the Verification and Inspectorate Divisions
11:00 – 11:10	Break
11:10 – 11:30	Presentations by 2–3 National Authorities on experiences and challenges in implementing the Chemical Weapons Convention
11:30 – 12:15	Follow-up on Annual Meeting of National Authorities discussions, including on inspection-related issues
12:00 – 12:30	Any other business:
	Topics for the Annual Meeting of National Authorities 2026
	The date of the next Annual Meeting of WEOG National Authorities
	Conclusions
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch