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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

**CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
FOR THE INFLUENTIAL VISITORS PROGRAMME
FOR STATES PARTIES TO THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION**

1. The Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention reaffirmed that the full, effective, and non-discriminatory implementation of Article VII is essential for the realisation of the object and purpose of the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Convention).
2. To further advance the implementation of Article VII, the Technical Secretariat (the Secretariat) established the Influential Visitors Programme (IVP), an advocacy initiative to assist States Parties in advancing draft implementing legislation that has undergone interministerial and stakeholder review. This Programme seeks to generate the high-level political momentum necessary for the timely adoption of such legislation.
3. The IVP is intended for States Parties that do not yet have any implementing legislation in place, as well as States Parties that have legislation that only partially covers all the initial measures.¹ It specifically supports States Parties that are in the final stages of adopting Convention-implementing legislation encompassing all initial measures. It is therefore directed at States Parties whose comprehensive implementing legislation—covering the complete set of initial measures—has reached, or is about to reach, the stage of formal tabling for adoption.
4. Through the IVP, influential stakeholders involved in their country's national legislative process will have the opportunity to directly engage with one another and OPCW senior leadership and exchange views on the importance of the Convention and the adoption of relevant legislation. A dedicated three-day programme will be organised at the OPCW Main Building in The Hague, with consideration for the specific legislative status of participants' countries and the additional information they need to advance and support the legislative adoption process. The activities at OPCW Headquarters may be supported by simultaneous interpretation in Arabic, French, Russian, and/or Spanish, as needed, depending on the language requirements of the participating countries. States Parties wishing to participate in the IVP should send an expression of interest. Expressions of interest are accepted and reviewed by the

¹ Initial measures comprise a minimum set of legislative and administrative measures deemed necessary for a non-possessor State Party that has no declarable chemical production facility on its territory. These measures pertain to: definitions under the Convention; a comprehensive control regime for scheduled and toxic chemicals and reporting on transfers (import and export) of scheduled chemicals; prohibited actions and activities; penalties for violations of the law; extraterritorial application of penal legislation; a legal basis for developing implementing regulations; and the establishment of a National Authority.



Secretariat on an open-ended basis. Expressions of interest should be sent via email (ipb@opcw.org) and should be accompanied by the following information:

- (a) an overview of the status of the State Party's draft Convention-implementing legislation;
 - (b) a list of activities undertaken to promote the adoption of implementing legislation;
 - (c) a description of the anticipated impact of the IVP on advancing the legislative adoption process;
 - (d) the name and contact information of a focal point for future correspondence; and
 - (e) the projected availability of the delegation, including proposed dates for the visit.
5. Following a review by and consultations with the Secretariat, States Parties may be invited to nominate up to five influential visitors for the IVP, comprising one senior representative of the National Authority and up to four relevant national policy and decision-makers, such as: key parliamentarians or ministers; key officials of parliament secretariats and committee chairs; senior cabinet officials; chairpersons of chambers of commerce and industry (chemical councils, exporters, or manufacturers); members of non-governmental organisations and/or think tanks engaged in disarmament or security issues; and other high-impact individuals with a demonstrated track record in disarmament or chemical security.
6. National Authorities will be requested to use the nomination form attached as the Annex to this Note. The Secretariat will consider only nominations for the IVP submitted by National Authorities.
7. Once a State Party has been invited to an IVP visit, the dates will be determined in consultation with the Secretariat. The Secretariat will cover the costs of travel, meals, and medical insurance, and will provide a limited subsistence allowance to cover sundry expenses for up to five approved influential visitors. Additionally, the Secretariat will arrange and cover the cost of their accommodation. Participants will be requested to obtain any necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to the Netherlands.
8. During an IVP visit, the influential visitors, in coordination with the respective National Authority, will be asked to share an actionable road map to expedite the adoption of the pending legislation in their country. Upon their return from the OPCW in The Hague, participating influential visitors are expected to promote the full and effective implementation of the Convention in their respective countries.
9. States Parties' respective Permanent Representations to the OPCW are encouraged to actively engage in the IVP, including by facilitating follow-up actions and mobilising support for the early adoption of implementing legislation.
10. For additional information about the IVP, please contact the Implementation Support Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, through Mr Rene Betancourt, Senior Programme Officer, by telephone (+31(0)6 46 95 92 85), or by email (rene.betancourt@opcw.org or ipb@opcw.org).

Annex: Nomination Form

Annex**INFLUENTIAL VISITORS PROGRAMME****NOMINATION FORM**

SECTION 1. NATIONAL AUTHORITY INFORMATION		
State Party	National Authority office and affiliation:	
National Authority Focal Point:	Family Name, First Name:	
	Phone number:	
	Email(s):	
SECTION 2. NOMINATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE OPCW INFLUENTIAL VISITORS PROGRAMME		
1. Nominee's name	National Authority and position	Nominee's role in the legislative process
2. Nominee's name	Nominee's position	Nominee's role in the legislative process
3. Nominee's name	Nominee's position	Nominee's role in the legislative process
4. Nominee's name	Nominee's position	Nominee's role in the legislative process
5. Nominee's name	Nominee's position	Nominee's role in the legislative process