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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE FIFTY-NINTH OFFICIAL OPCW PROFICIENCY TEST

1. Following the Note by the Director-General announcing the tentative schedule for Official OPCW Proficiency Tests in 2026 and 2027 (S/2456/2025, dated 30 October 2025), the Technical Secretariat welcomes nominations for the Fifty-Ninth Official OPCW Proficiency Test, which will be conducted in April 2026.
2. Prospective first-time participants and those planning to take the test on a “trial” basis are requested to contact the OPCW Laboratory (see below for contact details) at their earliest convenience, as a more suitable introduction to Chemical Weapons Convention-related chemical analysis is available.
3. For the test, the Defence Laboratories of Belgium will assist in preparing the samples, and the Laboratory of Analytical Chemistry, Research Institute of Chemical Defence, China, will assist in the evaluation of the results. The expected sample dispatch date is 17 April 2026, and the samples will be shipped to the test participants from the sample preparation assistance laboratory.
4. The test will be conducted in accordance with the following set of quality management system documents:
 - (a) “Standard Operating Procedure for the Organisation of OPCW Proficiency Tests” (QDOC/LAB/SOP/PT01);
 - (b) “Work Instruction for the Preparation of Test Samples for OPCW Proficiency Tests” (QDOC/LAB/WI/PT02);
 - (c) “Work Instruction for the Evaluation of Results of OPCW Proficiency Tests” (QDOC/LAB/WI/PT03); and
 - (d) “Work Instruction for the Reporting of the Results of the OPCW Proficiency Tests” (QDOC/LAB/WI/PT04).
5. Member States of the OPCW are invited to nominate participating laboratories by email (proficiency@opcw.org). The closing date for nominations is 20 March 2026.



6. Nominations should contain the following information:
 - (a) the full name and address of the laboratory;
 - (b) the detailed sample delivery address (if different from the laboratory address);
 - (c) the name, telephone number, and email address of the laboratory contact person; and
 - (d) any other special requirements or information needed to ensure sample delivery.
7. The nomination form that is annexed to this document may be used to submit the nominations.
8. In order to confirm participation in the Fifty-Ninth Official OPCW Proficiency Test, previous test participants must, where required, submit to the OPCW Laboratory, before 20 March 2026, their follow-up action report stating the cause of the problem and the remedial actions they have taken as a result of their participation in the last proficiency test. Early submission of such reports is strongly encouraged.
9. Participants are required to contact the OPCW Laboratory by email (proficiency@opcw.org) before the sample dispatch date to confirm their contact details for the test sample delivery.
10. Participants are also requested to arrange internal customs clearance procedures for the samples in order to prevent any unnecessary delays during the sample delivery process.
11. The meeting to discuss the preliminary results of the test is tentatively scheduled for 14 July 2026 at the OPCW Main Building in The Hague, the Netherlands.
12. Further information regarding participation in OPCW proficiency tests may be obtained via email from the OPCW Laboratory (proficiency@opcw.org; tuma.maloka@opcw.org; and sanila.velikeloth@opcw.org).

Annex: Fifty-Ninth Official OPCW Proficiency Test – Nomination Form

Annex**FIFTY-NINTH OFFICIAL OPCW PROFICIENCY TEST****NOMINATION FORM****(CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS: 20 MARCH 2026)**

Name of the laboratory		
Address of the laboratory		
Nature of work related to the Chemical Weapons Convention		
Quality management system and accreditation body (if any)		
Nomination to participate as:	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular participant	<input type="checkbox"/> Trial participant
Full sample delivery address (if different from laboratory address)		
Special requirements for sample delivery (e.g., customs requirements, preferred courier agency)		
Primary contact person's name, telephone number, and email address		
Secondary contact person's name, telephone number, and email address		
Date of follow-up report submission (if applicable)		
Name, signature, and affiliation of the person nominating the laboratory		
Approval of the National Authority (official seal and signature)		