



NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING
OF NATIONAL AUTHORITIES OF STATES PARTIES FROM
THE WESTERN EUROPE AND OTHERS GROUP
ONLINE AND IN THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS
6 JULY 2026**

1. The Technical Secretariat of the OPCW (the Secretariat) wishes to invite representatives of National Authorities to attend the third annual meeting on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Convention) for National Authorities of States Parties from the Western Europe and Others Group (WEOG), which will be held in a hybrid format, virtually and in The Hague, the Netherlands, on 6 July 2026, from 14:00 to 16:30 (CET).
2. This hybrid meeting of National Authorities will serve as a forum for States Parties in WEOG 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 connections between 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 15 May 2026**—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

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time (CET)	Agenda Item
<i>Monday, 6 July 2026</i>	
14:00 – 14:10	Welcome remarks <i>Mr Suljuk Mustansar Tarar, Director, International Cooperation and Assistance Division</i>
14:10 – 14:15	Meeting programme and objectives <i>Ms Elena Gjoreska, Programme Officer, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, Implementation Support Branch</i>
14:15 – 14:30	Update on International Cooperation and Assistance activities under Articles VII, X, and XI of the Convention including the status of compendiums of best practices on chemical security legislation and resolving transfer discrepancies <i>Ms Beatrix Lahoupe, Head, Implementation Support Branch</i>
14:30 – 15:00	Updates from the Verification and Inspectorate Divisions <i>Industry Verification Branch / Inspectorate Division Declaration, Validation, and Evaluation Section</i>
15:00 – 15:10	Break
15:10 – 15:40	Experiences, challenges and best practices in Convention implementation in 2025 – National Authority perspective <i>2 – 3 WEOG States Parties (to be confirmed)</i>
15:40 – 16:15	Follow-up on the Annual Meeting of National Authorities 2025: Inspection-related issues (sampling and analysis inspections; interpretations of inspection findings) <i>Inspectorate Division</i>
16:15 – 16:30	Plenary discussion: Topics of interest for the WEOG meeting during the Annual Meeting of National Authorities 2026
16:30	Conclusion