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**CW CHIEF INSTRUCTOR TRAINING PROGRAMME (CITPRO),
SPIEZ, SWITZERLAND, 23 - 27 NOVEMBER 1998**

1. On behalf of the Government of Switzerland and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the Director-General wishes to invite Member States of the OPCW to nominate participants for a training course on CW protection, which will be held at the NC Training Centre in Spiez, Switzerland, from 23 to 27 November 1998.
2. The course is related to the offer made by Switzerland under Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) in relation to assistance and protection against chemical weapons, and will be jointly organised by the Government of Switzerland and the OPCW Secretariat. The course will provide training in civil CW protection, detection and decontamination for up to 40 chief instructors from Member States of the OPCW.
3. The course will provide basic training for specialists and experts who are, or will be associated with CW protection training of civilians in their home countries. Its main purpose is to assist OPCW Member States in their efforts to establish a basic CW protection capability that will directly benefit the civilian population. The course draws on the extensive experience of Switzerland in the field of civilian CW protection. Due to the objective of the course and its technical nature, the candidates will be carefully selected. Applicants from Member States which do not yet have civilian CW protection capabilities will be particularly welcome. Participants should have a basic technical background, as well as good English language skills. They should also be physically fit and able to wear individual protective gear during some practical sessions of the course. Some practical experience with military or civil CW protection would be desirable.
4. It is anticipated that participants will arrive on Sunday 22 November and depart on Saturday 28 November 1998. Participants are requested to obtain any necessary visas before travelling to Switzerland. The Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor a limited number of candidates nominated by the Member States of the OPCW, to cover their travel costs. When proposing candidates for the course, Member States should

specify whether such sponsorship is a precondition for their participation. The course materials, as well as accommodation and all meals during the course, will be provided by the Swiss Government free of charge. Further details regarding accommodation, the course venue and transportation will be issued to the participants at a later date.

5. Interested Member States are invited to complete the nomination form shown in annex 1 to this Note, giving the full name and address (including fax and telephone numbers, and e-mail address, if available) of each participant, together with his or her affiliation, and area(s) of expertise. The completed nomination form, together with a brief biography of each nominee, should be submitted to the Emergency Assistance Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division (ICA) as soon as possible, but no later than 12 October 1998, to allow sufficient time for the OPCW Secretariat and the Swiss authorities to make the necessary arrangements. In the meantime, Member States are requested to inform the ICA of any administrative or other problems that may arise in relation to the attendance of any nominee.
6. A tentative schedule for the training course is attached as annex 2 to this Note. Further details of the arrangements will be issued as soon as the ICA receives confirmation from the participants that they will be attending the course.

Annex 1

**CW CHIEF INSTRUCTOR TRAINING PROGRAMME (CITPRO)
Spiez, Switzerland, 23 - 27 November 1998**

NOMINATION FORM

To be completed by Member States to propose participants. Please use BLOCK LETTERS.

Details of nominee

1. Family name
2. First name(s)
3. Present address
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4. Telephone
5. Fax
6. E-mail
7. Nationality
8. Passport No.
9. Date of issue
10. Date of expiry
11. Place of issue
12. Affiliation
13. Area(s) of expertise

14. Nominated by:

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15. Signed: Date:

Annex 2

CW CHIEF INSTRUCTOR TRAINING PROGRAMME (CITPRO)
Tentative programme schedule

Arrival: Sunday, 22 November 1998. Registration before 2100 at the training centre, “happy hour” at 2000. Departure: Saturday, 28 November 1998.
Training location: **CA**, course auditorium; **WG**, working group.

	Monday 23 November	Tuesday 24 November	Wednesday 25 November	Thursday 26 November	Friday 27 November	
0730	0800 Opening session CA	CWs: Skin protection: Protective clothing (IPE) (Practical work)	Dealing with increased CW risks Risk prevention	Monitoring and detection: Introduction CA	Exercise “MULTI TASK” Training lessons (training + testing methods)	
0815	Introduction CA			Handling equipment and procedures		
0930	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break		
1000	The chemical threat: types of CWs and their effects CA	1100 WG <hr/> 1110 International rescue CA	Emergency and long-term measures <hr/> CA Domestic alert system CA	(Practical work) WG <hr/> Industrial chemical accident Case study CA		Special detection tasks (lab technology)
1200	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
1330	(Distribution of equipment) CW prevention, protection and decontamination CA	Protective clothing (contd.) (Practical work) WG	Excursion “Bernese Oberland”	CW decontamination: handling of equipment and procedures (Practical work) (Coffee break “on the job”)	“MULTI TASK” (contd.) WG	
1530	Coffee break	Coffee break				
1600	CWs: Respiratory protection: protective masks (Practical work)	Medication Prophylactic and therapy procedures CA			1630 WG	1630 Return of equipment
1730	WG				1700 Excursion “City of Berne”	1715 Closing session <hr/> CA
					1900: Dinner: Castle of Spiez	

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