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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

**CHEMICAL SUPPORT TRAINING COURSE
REVINGE, SWEDEN, 8 - 26 NOVEMBER 1999**

1. On behalf of the Government of Sweden and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the Director-General wishes to invite Member States to nominate participants for a chemical support training course, which will be held at the Rescue College Revinge, near Malmö, Sweden, from 8 - 26 November 1999.
2. The course is related to the offer made by Sweden, under Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention, to provide assistance and protection against chemical weapons (CW), and will be jointly organised by the Government of Sweden and the Technical Secretariat. The course will provide training in planning for and building up chemical support in the areas of civilian protection, rescue operations in contaminated areas, as well as responses and countermeasures in the event of a terrorist attack with toxic chemicals. It will also give an overview of the Swedish organisation and its capabilities to provide assistance.
3. The course will provide basic training for CW response teams and planners from other Member States, to assist them in their efforts to establish a basic CW protection capability that will directly benefit the civilian population. The course will draw on Sweden's extensive experience in planning, preparing for and providing training in civilian CW protection. Applicants from Member States which do not yet have a civilian CW protection capability 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 for several hours during some practical sessions of the course. The selected candidates will be required to take a medical test before travelling to Sweden. Some practical experience with CW protective equipment would be desirable.
4. It is anticipated that participants will arrive on Friday, 5 November, and depart on Saturday, 27 November 1999. Participants are requested to obtain any necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to Sweden. The Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor a limited number of candidates, 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. Further details regarding accommodation, the course venue and transportation will be issued to participants at a later date.

5. Interested Member States are invited to complete the nomination form attached as annex 1 to this Note, giving the full name and address (including fax and telephone numbers, and e-mail address, if available) of each nominee, together with his/her affiliation and area(s) of expertise. The completed nomination form, together with a brief biography of each nominee, should be submitted to the Assistance Branch,¹ International Cooperation and Assistance Division (ICA) as soon as possible, but no later than 10 September 1999, to allow sufficient time for the Secretariat and the Swedish 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 attend the course. Any questions in this regard may be addressed to the Assistance Branch, ICA:

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Annexes:

Annex 1: Nomination form

Annex 2: Tentative programme schedule

¹ Formerly the Emergency Assistance Branch.

Annex 1

NOMINATION FORM

**Chemical support training course
Revinge, Sweden, 8 - 26 November 1999**

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

Details of nominee

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

16. Nominated by:

17. Signed: Date:

Annex 2

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

**Chemical support training course
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Week 1

- Information about the programme and facilities
- Goals and objectives of the training course
- Excursion
- Introduction to the Swedish chemical support team
- Presentation on chemical warfare agents
- Civil protection
- Industrial chemicals – handling procedures
- Detection – instruments and methods
- Medical treatment
- Toxicology

Week 2

- Decontamination – general aims and methods
- Detection – field training
- Decontamination – equipment and decon areas
- Special practical training in the training area
- Industrial chemical accidents – training
- Biological agents

Week 3

- Radioactive sources – protection and detection
- Rescue operations – field training
- Maintenance of equipment and material
- Evaluation of the course
- Closing