



**AN INVITATION TO PROPOSE CANDIDATES
FOR AN ADVANCED COURSE FOR PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION**

1. In January 2000 the Technical Secretariat will hold a nine-day advanced course for personnel involved in the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention. The course will be held at the Dutch Defence College (Instituut Defensie Leergangen) in Ypenburg, just outside The Hague, the Netherlands, from 17 – 25 January 2000.
2. The advanced course is aimed at those who have either already attended a basic course for personnel of National Authorities, or who have been involved for at least a year in the national implementation of the Convention. During the course, the participants will be divided into groups, each group representing the National Authority of a fictitious country. The groups will be given numerous examples of problems that might confront a National Authority in its implementation of the Convention, and will be expected to present solutions to these problems. The problems and the solutions will then be analysed and discussed.
3. The course fee will be NLG 1,200 per person, which includes accommodation and all meals, medical insurance, the costs of course materials and handouts, and course-related travel within the Netherlands. The fee does not include the costs of travel to and from the Netherlands, and is payable in advance.
4. The course has been designed for the personnel of National Authorities who could face or are facing a multitude of responsibilities when preparing for and actually implementing the Convention. It should be noted that the course will not be able to cover the more specialised needs of CW “possessor” Member States of the OPCW.
5. Throughout the course, the language of instruction will be English. It will not be possible for participants to follow the course unless they have a good working knowledge of that language. No interpretation facilities of any kind will be provided.
6. Extensive background material on the subjects covered by the course will be made available to the participants, upon receipt of confirmation of their participation, to allow them to prepare themselves. Upon request, this material may be sent to the respective missions in The Hague and Brussels to be forwarded to participants.

7. The Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor a limited number of candidates nominated by Member States of the OPCW, to cover their travel costs and course fees. When proposing candidates, Member States should specify whether sponsorship is a precondition for their participation. Participants of previous advanced courses for personnel of National Authorities arranged by the Secretariat will not be considered for sponsorship.
8. Nominations from signatory States on behalf of candidates who will participate at their own expense are also encouraged. The number of places available for candidates from signatory States may be limited, however.
9. Member States and signatory States are invited to submit the names of candidates for the course to the Secretariat not later than 1 December 1999. Nominations received after that date will normally not be considered. All nominations, together with the information requested in the form annexed hereto, should be addressed to the Director, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW, Johan de Wittlaan 32, NL-2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands. Nominations may also be submitted by fax (+31-70-306 3535) or by e-mail (webmaster@opcw.org).
10. Additional information on the course may be obtained from the Protection Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division of the OPCW, which can be contacted as specified in the previous paragraph.

Annex:

Advanced course for personnel involved in the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention, Ypenburg, the Netherlands, 17 – 25 January 2000: Details of participants

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**ADVANCED COURSE FOR PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION
YPENBURG, THE NETHERLANDS, 17 – 25 JANUARY 2000**

DETAILS OF PARTICIPANTS

(Please complete this form using BLOCK LETTERS)

1. Family name _____
2. First name _____
3. Date of birth _____
4. Nationality _____
5. Gender _____
6. Passport No. _____
7. Date of issue _____
8. Date of expiry _____
9. Place of issue _____
10. Current contact
address _____

11. Telephone no.
(home/work) _____
12. Fax no.
(home/work) _____
13. Academic/professional
qualifications _____
14. Area(s) of expertise _____
15. Has nominee attended a
previous basic course?
If yes, please give
name of course.
If no, indicate how
nominee has gained the
required experience in
implementing the CWC. _____