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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

**CW CHIEF INSTRUCTOR TRAINING PROGRAMME (CITPRO III),
SPIEZ, SWITZERLAND, 2 - 7 APRIL 2000**

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 to nominate participants for a training course on CW protection, which will be held at the NBC Training Centre in Spiez, Switzerland, from 2 to 7 April 2000.
2. The course, which is the third of its kind, is related to the offer made by Switzerland, under Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention, to provide assistance and protection against chemical weapons, and will be jointly organised by the Government of Switzerland and the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter the "Secretariat"). The course will provide training in civil CW protection, detection and decontamination for up to 40 chief instructors from Member States.
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 other 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 for several hours 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 Saturday 1 April and depart on Saturday 8 April 2000. 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 Member States, 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 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 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 Assistance Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division (ICA), OPCW, with a copy to Mr Bernard Jeanty, Deputy Head of Global Arms Control and Disarmament Section, Federal Department of Defense General Staff, CH-3303 Berne, Switzerland (fax: +41-(0)31 323 7399). Nominations should be submitted as soon as possible, but not later than **29 February 2000**, to allow sufficient time for the 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 provisional 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. Any questions in this regard may be addressed to the Assistance Branch, ICA:

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Annexes:

Annex 1: Nomination form

Annex 2: Provisional schedule

Annex 1

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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. Gender (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

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PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

Arrival: Saturday 1 April 2000. Departure: Saturday 8 April 2000. Training location: CA, course auditorium; WG, working group.

	Sunday, 2 April	Monday, 3 April	Tuesday, 4 April	Wednesday, 5 April	Thursday, 6 April	Friday, 7 April
07:30	09:00 Registration opens (for participants arriving on Sunday)	Keynote Address 08:00 Types and effects of CW	CW protection: protective equipment (Practical work)	Dealing with increased CW risks: -risk prevention -emergency & long term measures (08:45) CA	Monitoring and detection: -Introduction CA -handling of equipment and procedures	Exercise "MULTI TASK" - Training lessons (training + testing methods) (Coffee break "on the job") - Special detection tasks (Lab technology)
09:30		Coffee break	Coffee break "on the job"	Coffee break	Coffee break	
10:00			WG	(09:15) Industrial chemical accident case study 10:45 CA 11:00 IPE: -maintenance troubleshooting WG	(Practical work) WG Domestic Alert System (NAZ) CA	
12:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13:30	14:00 Administrative Information Introduction The CWC CA	CW prevention, protection and decontamination CA	CW protection: Protective equipment	Excursion "Bernese Oberland"	CW decontamination: Handling of equipment and procedures (Practical work) Coffee break "on the job" 16:30 WG 17:00 Excursion "City of Berne"	MULTI TASK - Special detection tasks (Lab technology) Return of equipment 17:15 Closing Session CA 19:00 Dinner: Castle of Spiez
15:30	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break			
16:00	Article X of the CWC The chemical threat CA	CW protection: Protective equipment for civil population (Practical work) WG	continuation (Practical work) WG			
17:30	Handover of manuals and equipment	Individual briefings and studies	Individual briefings and studies			
18:15	Individual studies WG	WG	WG			
18:30	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner			
			19:30 International Rescue Coordination of Assistance 21:30 CA			