



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

1. In June 2000 the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter the “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 19 - 27 June 2000. A similar course was held at the same location in January 2000 and was oversubscribed.
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 one 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. In order to better simulate the work of a real National Authority, the participants will be required to develop solutions to some of the problems under severe but realistic time constraints. Consequently, participants may expect to have to do some work during the evenings and early mornings.
4. 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.
5. 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.

6. 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.
7. The participants are expected to have access to the background material distributed during the basic courses for the personnel of National Authorities. This material can be downloaded from the OPCW Internet website (URL <http://www.opcw.org/courses/backpack.htm>). Participants who have not attended a basic course and do not have access to the Internet may request the Secretariat to send the background material to their respective missions in The Hague and Brussels, to be forwarded to participants.
8. The Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor a limited number of candidates nominated by Member States, 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.
9. 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 5 May 2000. 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 (ProtectBr@opcw.org ).
10. Additional information on the course may be obtained from the Protection Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, 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, 19 - 27 June 2000: Nomination form

**Annex**

**NOMINATION FORM**

**Advanced course for personnel involved in the implementation of the  
Chemical Weapons Convention, Ypenburg, the Netherlands, 19 - 27 June 2000**

Please submit the completed form by 5 May 2000 to: The Director, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW, Johan de Wittlaan 32, NL-2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands.  
Fax: +31-(0)70-306 3535; e-mail: ProtectBr@opcw.org  
Please use BLOCK LETTERS

1. Family name \_\_\_\_\_
2. First name \_\_\_\_\_
3. Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_
4. Nationality \_\_\_\_\_
5. Gender (male/female) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Passport no. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Date of issue \_\_\_\_\_
8. Date of expiry \_\_\_\_\_
9. Place of issue \_\_\_\_\_
10. 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 required experience in implementing the CWC \_\_\_\_\_