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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

**CHEMICAL SUPPORT TRAINING COURSE
REVINGE, SWEDEN, 6 - 25 AUGUST 2001**

1. On behalf of the Government of Sweden and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Director-General invites Member States to nominate participants for a chemical support training course which will be held at the Rescue College Revinge, near Malmö, in Sweden, from 6 - 25 August 2001.
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 OPCW Secretariat (hereinafter the "Secretariat"). The course will provide training in planning for and building up chemical support in the fields of civilian protection and rescue operations in contaminated areas, as well as appropriate 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 Member States, to assist them in their efforts to establish a basic CW protection capability that will directly benefit their civilian populations. 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 very 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 Sunday 5 August 2001, and will depart on Sunday 26 August 2001. 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 contained 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 nominee, together with his/her affiliation and area(s) of expertise. The completed nomination form, together with a brief curriculum vitae of each nominee, should be submitted to the Assistance and Protection Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, as soon as possible, but **no later than 30 April 2001**, 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 International Cooperation and Assistance Division 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 contained in annex 2 to this Note. Further details of the arrangements will be issued as soon as the International Cooperation and Assistance Division receives confirmation from the participants that they will attend the course. Any questions in this regard may be addressed to the Assistance and Protection Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division:

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Annexes:

Annex 1: Nomination form

Annex 2: Tentative programme schedule

Annex 1

NOMINATION FORM

**Chemical support training course
Revinge, Sweden, 6 - 25 August 2001**

Please submit the completed form to: Assistance and Protection Branch, 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: EmergAssistBr@opcw.org.

Please use BLOCK LETTERS.

Details of nominee

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

14. Area(s) of expertise

15. Nominated by:

16. Signed:

Date:

Annex 2

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

**Chemical support training course
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WEEK 1

Monday	Introduction to the training course programme and facilities Goals and objectives of the course Excursion to the Rescue College Revinge Introduction to the "support team"
Tuesday	Chemical warfare agents Rescue operations in areas contaminated with unknown chemicals
Wednesday	Civilian protection Decontamination: general aims and methods
Thursday	Decontamination: equipment and decontamination areas
Friday	Medical treatment for CW casualties: team planning
Saturday	Study visit

WEEK 2

Monday	Methods of detecting chemicals and radioactive sources Detection instruments and their capabilities
Tuesday	Toxicology Detection: field training Decontamination: methods
Wednesday	Support team planning: tactics
Thursday	Special training in detection, identification and decontamination
Friday	Mustard gas in the Baltic Sea: study visit
Saturday	Study visit

WEEK 3

Monday	Explosive ordnance disposal: support team planning
Tuesday	Toxicology Detection: field training Decontamination: methods
Wednesday	Rescue operations: field training
Thursday	Study visit to the Rescue Service and SOS Alarm Centre, Revinge
Friday	Evaluation of the course Closing