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**NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT**

**SWEDISH ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION TRAINING COURSE (SAPC)  
REVINGE, SWEDEN  
4 – 22 AUGUST 2003**

1. On behalf of the Government of Sweden and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Director-General wishes to invite Member States to nominate participants for an assistance and protection training course, which will be held at the Rescue College, Revinge, near Malmö, Sweden, from 4 to 22 August 2003.
2. The SAPC, which 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), will be jointly organised by the Government of Sweden and the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”). The course will provide two kinds of training: in planning for and building up a chemical support team in the fields of civilian protection and rescue operations in contaminated areas, and in appropriate responses and countermeasures in the event of a terrorist attack involving toxic chemicals. It will also give an overview of how the Swedish response system is organised and of the kinds of assistance it can provide.
3. The SAPC will provide basic training to 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 their civilian populations. The course will draw on Sweden’s extensive experience in planning, preparing for, and providing training in civilian CW protection.
4. Applicants from Member States which do not yet have civilian CW protection capabilities will be particularly welcome. Given the purpose of the course and its technical nature, candidates will be carefully selected and should have a solid technical background. Because the course will be taught in English, good English-language skills are also required. In addition, participants should be physically fit and be able to wear individual protective gear for several hours during some of the practical sessions of the course. Selected candidates will be required to take a medical test before travelling to Sweden. Some practical experience with CW protective equipment would be desirable.

5. Participants will arrive on Sunday 3 August 2003 and depart on Saturday 23 August 2003. Participants are requested to obtain any necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to Sweden. The Secretariat expects to be able to cover the travel costs of a limited number of candidates nominated by Member States. When proposing candidates for the course, Member States should specify whether such sponsorship is a precondition of their participation. The course materials, as well as accommodation and all meals during the course, will be provided at no cost to the participants. Further details regarding accommodation, the course venue, and transport will be issued to participants at a later date.
6. Interested Member States are invited to complete the nomination form that is included as Annex 1 to this Note, giving each nominee's full name and address, fax and telephone numbers, and e-mail address if available, together with his or her affiliation and area(s) of expertise. The completed nomination form, together with a brief curriculum vitae for each nominee, should be faxed to the Assistance and Protection Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW at +31-(0)70 416 3209. Nominations should be submitted as soon as possible, but **no later than 15 May 2003**, to allow sufficient time for the Secretariat and the Swedish authorities to make the necessary arrangements.
7. Annex 2 to this Note offers a provisional schedule for the training course. Further details of the arrangements will be issued as soon as the International Cooperation and Assistance Division receives confirmation from the participants selected that they will be attending the course.
8. Should any problems arise in connection with the attendance of a nominee, or should Member States have any questions regarding this course, they are requested to contact the International Cooperation and Assistance Division of the OPCW:

Tel.: +31 (0)70 416 3555; 416 3217

Fax: +31 (0)70 416 3209

E-mail: [EmergAssistBr@opcw.org](mailto:EmergAssistBr@opcw.org)

Annexes:

Annex 1: Nomination form

Annex 2: Tentative programme schedule

**Annex 1**

**SWEDISH ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION TRAINING COURSE  
REVINGE, SWEDEN  
4 – 22 AUGUST 2003**

**NOMINATION FORM**

To be completed by Member States to nominate participants

Please use **BLOCK LETTERS**

**Details of nominee**

1. Family name: .....
2. First name(s): .....
3. Gender: .....
4. Date of birth: .....
5. Present address: .....  
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6. Telephone: .....
7. Fax: .....
8. E-mail: .....
9. Nationality: .....
10. Passport number: .....
11. Date of issue: .....
12. Expiry date: .....
13. Place of issue: .....
14. Affiliation: .....
15. Area(s) of expertise: .....
16. Nominated by: .....
17. Signed: ..... Date: .....

**Annex 2**

**TENTATIVE PROGRAMME SCHEDULE**

**Swedish Assistance and Protection Training Course  
Revinge, Sweden  
4 – 22 August 2003**

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**WEEK 1**

- Monday:** Introduction to the training programme and facilities  
Goals and objectives of the training  
Introduction to the CWC, the OPCW, and emergency assistance  
Practical field demonstration
- Tuesday:** Chemical warfare agents and toxic chemicals  
Swedish civilian protection system and equipment  
Decontamination and decontamination systems
- Wednesday:** Personal protection: Protection System 2000; handling, air-tightness checks  
Introduction to the Swedish Chemical Support Team
- Thursday:** Decontamination: equipment and decontamination areas
- Friday:** Medical preparedness: toxicology and CW treatment
- Sunday:** Study visit
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**WEEK 2**

- Monday:** Protection and detection: CW tactics  
Study visit to chemical plant in Perstorp AB
- Tuesday:** Detection: systems, methods, capability, instruments, and handling  
Detection: tactics and techniques
- Wednesday:** Detection: instruments and field training  
Mobile systems: GARDS
- Thursday:** Introduction to the Municipal Rescue Services System: organisation, planning, protecting people, shelter  
Study visit to RSS Lund
- Friday:** Introduction to the Swedish Coast Guard: system, organisation, planning activities, equipment
- Saturday:** Study visit
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**WEEK 3**

- Monday:** Support team planning activities: case studies and preparations  
Biological agents: threats, protection, detection, and vaccination
- Tuesday:** Biological agents: Gnorsk case study  
Rescue operations: unknown chemicals and field exercise
- Wednesday:** Special training in the training area  
Protection, detection, and decontamination exercises
- Thursday:** Rescue operations: air-attack and field exercise
- Friday:** Evaluation of the course: discussion  
Closing session
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