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**CHEMICAL WEAPONS CIVIL DEFENCE TRAINING COURSE
LÁZNĚ BOHDANEČ, CZECH REPUBLIC
12 – 16 May 2003**

1. On behalf of the Government of the Czech Republic and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Director-General wishes to invite Member States of the OPCW to nominate participants for a training course on CW protection, which will be held at the Institute of Civil Protection in Lázně Bohdaneč, Czech Republic, from 12 to 16 May 2003.
2. The course is related to the offer made by the Czech Republic, under Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), to provide assistance and protection against chemical weapons (CW), and will be jointly organised by the Government of the Czech Republic and the Secretariat. The course will provide training in civil CW protection, detection, and decontamination to 20 chief instructors from Member States.
3. The main purpose of the course is to assist other Member States in their efforts to establish a basic CW protective capability that will directly benefit their civilian populations. The course will draw on the extensive experience of the Czech Republic in the field of civilian CW protection, and will provide basic training to specialists and experts who are or will be associated with the training of civilians in their home countries in how to protect themselves from CWs.
4. Applicants from Member States that do not yet have civilian CW protective capabilities will be particularly welcome. Due to the objective of the course and its technical nature, the candidates will be carefully selected. Participants should have a solid technical background, as well as good English-language skills. They should be physically fit and be able to wear individual protection gear for several hours during some of the practical sessions of the course. Some practical experience of military or civilian CW protection is desirable.
5. Participants will arrive on Sunday 11 May 2003 and depart on Saturday 17 May 2003. Participants are requested to obtain any necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to the Czech Republic. 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 condition of their participation. Course materials, as well as accommodation and all meals during the course, will be provided to all 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.
7. The completed nomination form, together with a brief curriculum vitae for each nominee, should be submitted 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 7 March 2003**, to allow sufficient time for the OPCW Secretariat and the Czech authorities to make the necessary arrangements.
8. A tentative schedule for the workshop 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 be attending the course.
9. Should any problems arise in connection with the attendance of a nominee, or should Member States have any questions regarding this course, they may contact the International Cooperation and Assistance Division of the OPCW:

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Annexes: (English only)

Annex 1: Nomination form

Annex 2: Tentative Programme

Annex 1

**CHEMICAL WEAPONS CIVIL DEFENCE TRAINING COURSE
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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:
4. Date of birth:
5. Present address:
6. Telephone:
7. Fax:
8. E-mail:
9. Nationality:
10. Passport no.:
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

CW CIVIL DEFENCE TRAINING COURSE, 2003
INSTITUTE OF CIVIL PROTECTION, LÁZNĚ BOHDANEČ
TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Training location for Wednesday: State Office for Nuclear Safety, Prague; for Friday: Rescue and Training Base, Kutná Hora Chemical Laboratory, Kamenice (near Prague)
Legend for all other days: **CA** = course auditorium; **WG** = working group

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08:00	Opening of course	Medical protection against CWs	Departure to Czech National Authority	CW Decontamination	Use of protection, detection, and decontamination equipment in actual conditions: A demonstration WG
08:30	The Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) CA	 CA	 CA	 CA	
09:30	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break
10:00	Article X of the CWC	Medical protection against CWs: A demonstration	Detection of chemical warfare agents	CW decontamination	Demonstration: Continue WG
11:00	An integrated rescue system: Civil protection in the Czech Republic CA	 WG Respiratory protective equipment: Practical training WG	 CA	 WG	
12:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
14:00	Standard IPE of Czech civil protection CA	Skin protective equipment: Practical training WG	Detection equipment WG	CW decontamination: Practical training WG	Demonstration at a chemical laboratory WG
15:30	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
16.00 17.30	Respiratory protective equipment WG	Skin protective equipment: Practical training WG	Sightseeing tour of Prague WG	CW Decontamination: Practical training WG	Closing session
19.00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner

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