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**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FIRST PLANNING MEETING FOR THE
SECOND OPCW EXERCISE ON THE DELIVERY OF ASSISTANCE (ASSISTEX 2)
KIEV, UKRAINE
21 – 23 MARCH 2005**

1. Each State Party has the right to request and, subject to the procedures set forth in paragraphs 9, 10, and 11 of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”), to receive assistance and protection against the use or threat of use of chemical weapons. In order to be able to implement the provisions of Article X, the OPCW is required to develop and maintain a state of readiness to provide timely, adequate, and efficient assistance to a State Party that requests it. The OPCW should be in a position to mobilise the mechanisms established for rendering assistance, to coordinate its assistance-related activities with those of all relevant national agencies and international organisations so that the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) can facilitate arrangements for assistance from the international community, and ensure that such assistance reaches the requesting State Party.
2. In its Note S/454/2004, dated 16 December 2004, the Secretariat invited States Parties and relevant international organisations to the second exercise on delivery of assistance, Assistex 2, which is to be held in Lviv, Ukraine, from 10 to 13 October 2005. The Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre (EADRCC) will jointly cooperate with the OPCW and Ukraine in organising and conducting this exercise.
3. The government of Ukraine will host the exercise and handle all security, safety, and medical arrangements; in addition, with the OPCW and the EADRCC as co-organisers, it will provide all other forms of support that are required. Incoming teams will be met at the point of entry and will be escorted to the site of the exercise by representatives from the host country, who will also facilitate border crossings and customs formalities.
4. Interested States Parties that have made offers of assistance under Paragraph 7, Article X of the Convention, are invited to inform the Secretariat no later than 1 March 2005 whether they intend to participate in ASSISTEX 2, and of the capacity of the unit or units they will send, including the number of people and the quantity of equipment they will contribute. States Parties are kindly requested to note that the



date for registering their intention to participate has been brought forward from the date previously indicated in S/454/2004; the date for the first planning meeting to prepare for Assistex 2 is now set for 21 to 23 March 2005 (see paragraph 5 below).

5. The Secretariat would like to invite interested State Parties that have already decided to participate in the exercise to nominate representatives for the first planning meeting. The meeting will be held in Kiev, Ukraine, from 21 to 23 March 2005, and its main objective is to discuss the involvement of States Parties and the logistical aspects of their participation. All activities associated with the meeting will be conducted in English and Russian, and no other interpretation services will be provided.
6. Participants are expected to cover the costs of their participation at the planning meeting. All interested individuals are requested to complete the attached nomination form and send it by fax: +31 (0)70 416 3209 or by e-mail: assistex@opcw.org to the Assistance and Protection Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, **by 1 March 2005**.
7. Further information may be obtained from the Secretariat. The contact persons are Mr Hassan Mashhadi, +31 (0)70 416 3555, and Mr Renato Carvalho, +31 (0)70 416 3531; both can also be reached by e-mail at assistex@opcw.org.

Annex (English only):

Nomination Form

Annex

**FIRST PLANNING MEETING FOR THE SECOND EXERCISE
ON DELIVERY OF ASSISTANCE (ASSISTEX 2) UNDER ARTICLE X OF
THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION
KIEV, UKRAINE
21 – 23 MARCH 2005**

NOMINATION FORM

Please submit the completed form **by 1 March 2005** to:
Assistance and Protection Branch
International Cooperation and Assistance Division
OPCW, Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands
Fax: +31(0)70 416 3209; e-mail: assistex@opcw.org.

Please use BLOCK LETTERS.

1.	Family name of nominee			
2.	First name(s)			
3.	Date of birth	Day	Month	Year
4.	Citizenship			
5.	Gender*	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	
6.	Passport number			
7.	Date of issue	Day	Month	Year
8.	Expiry date	Day	Month	Year
9.	Place of issue			
10.	Areas of expertise			
11.	Employer			
12.	Employer's address (Please do not give a post-office box number.)	Street		
		Number	Post code	
		City		
		Country		
13.	E-mail address			
14.	Telephone numbers, including country and city codes	Home		
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15.	Fax numbers, including country and city codes	Home		
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