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**CHEMICAL WEAPONS CIVIL DEFENCE TRAINING COURSE
LÁZNĚ BOHDANEČ, THE CZECH REPUBLIC
16 – 20 MAY 2005**

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 to nominate participants for a training course on protection against chemical weapons, to be held at the Institute of Civil Protection in Lázně Bohdaneč, the Czech Republic, from 16 to 20 May 2005.
2. The course will be jointly organised by the government of the Czech Republic and the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”). It will provide training to up to 20 participants in planning for and building a support team in civilian protection and rescue operations in contaminated areas, as well as in appropriate responses and countermeasures in the event of incidents involving chemical-warfare agents.
3. The course will offer a basic introduction to the use of individual protective equipment, and to monitoring, detection, and decontamination. It will also facilitate the exchange of information and experiences regarding the implementation of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention, and will provide a forum for the discussion of future cooperation among Member States and of what further offers they might make to the OPCW under Article X. The course will conclude with a practical emergency-response exercise.
4. Given the purpose of the course and its technical nature, candidates will be carefully selected and should have a background in the chemistry associated with assistance and protection against chemical agents. Preference will also be given to officers from emergency-response units involved in civilian protection. In addition, participants should be physically fit and be able to wear individual protective gear for several hours at a time during the practical sessions of the course. Some practical experience with protective equipment is desirable.
5. The Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor a limited number of participants from Member States. Each nomination should specify whether sponsorship is a condition of the nominee’s participation. The course materials, accommodation, and local transport during the course will be provided by the National Authority of the Czech



Republic, at no cost to the participants or to the OPCW. Further details regarding accommodation, the course venue, and transportation will be issued to all confirmed participants at a later date.

6. When making travel arrangements for sponsored participants, the Secretariat will seek the most economical options. Participants will be allowed to purchase tickets locally only if this leads to further savings for the Secretariat and if the Secretariat authorises it. In order for the Secretariat to keep costs to a minimum, sponsored participants are expected to arrive no earlier than Sunday, 15 May 2005, and to depart no later than Saturday, 21 May 2005. The Secretariat's approval is required for any changes to the arrival and departure dates of sponsored participants. The Secretariat will not cover expenses unrelated to the course or that result from unauthorised changes to travel arrangements. Sponsored participants shall bear all costs resulting from changes they make, including cancellations, once the Secretariat has purchased their tickets. Participants who have not been sponsored are requested to make their own travel arrangements.
7. All activities during the meeting will be conducted in English, and no interpretation services of any kind will be provided. Participants are therefore expected to have a good command of the English language, both written and oral.
8. Participants are requested to obtain all necessary visas, including transit visas, before travelling to the Czech Republic.
9. Interested applicants are invited to complete the nomination form that is included as Annex 2 to this Note, making sure in particular to provide all contact details. Completed forms should be sent, **along with a brief curriculum vitae**, to the Director, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW, Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands. Nominations may also be submitted by fax to +31 (0)70 416 3209, or by e-mail to EmergAssistBr@opcw.org. All materials must be received by the Secretariat **no later than 21 March 2005**. Please be advised that participants must present an OPCW acceptance letter in order to register for the course.
10. Additional information may be obtained from the Assistance and Protection Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, at the contact numbers given below.

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Annexes:

Annex 1: Programme

Annex 2: Nomination Form

Annex 1

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PROGRAMME

Time	Monday, 16 May 2005	Tuesday, 17 May 2005	Wednesday, 18 May 2005	Thursday, 19 May 2005	Friday, 20 May 2005
08:00	Opening of course	Protective Respiratory Equipment: Practical Training	Decontamination of chemical weapons	Operation of anti-chemical unit in contaminated areas	Visit to the Czech National Authority
08:30	The CWC ¹				Detection of chemical warfare agents
09:00					Detection equipment
09:40	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.00	Article X of the CWC	Medical protection against chemical weapons	Chemical weapons decontamination: practical training	Operating an anti-chemical unit in a contaminated area	Detection of chemical-warfare agents
10.30	Status of CWC implementation in the Czech Republic Article X of the CWC	Medical protection against chemical weapons: demonstration			Detection equipment
11.00	Integrated Rescue System Civil Protection of the Czech Republic				
12.00	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>

¹ The Chemical Weapons Convention

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14.00	Standard individual protective equipment used in Czech civil protection	Skin-protection equipment: practical training	Skin-protection equipment: practical training	Operating an anti-chemical unit in a contaminated area	Social programme and course evaluation
15.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.00	New individual protective equipment	Skin-protection equipment: practical training	Skin-protection equipment: practical training	Operating an anti-chemical unit in a contaminated area	Closing session
19.00	<i>Dinner</i>	<i>Dinner</i>	<i>Dinner</i>	<i>Dinner</i>	<i>Dinner</i>

Annex 2

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NOMINATION FORM

Please submit the completed form, **along with a brief curriculum vitae**, by **21 March 2005** to:

The Director, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW

Attn: Assistance and Protection Branch

Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands

Fax: + 31 (0)70 416 3209; e-mail: EmergAssistBr@opcw.org.

Please type or 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.	Position		
13.	Contact address (Please do not give a post-office box number.)	Street	
		Number	Post code
		City	
		Country	

* For this and all like items, please tick the appropriate box.

14.	E-mail address	
15.	Telephone numbers, including country and city codes	Home
		Work
		Mobile
16.	Fax numbers, including country and city codes	Home
		Work
17.	Has the nominee previously taken part in a course of this kind?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If so, when and where?
18.	Is sponsorship a condition of participation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>