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**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
FOR AN INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE-AND-PROTECTION COURSE
SEOUL, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
9 – 13 MAY 2005**

1. On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Director-General wishes to invite States Parties to nominate representatives to participate in an international assistance-and-protection course, which will take place from 9 to 13 May 2005 in Seoul, the Republic of Korea.
2. The course will be jointly organised by the government of the Republic of Korea and the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat), and will provide training to up to 25 participants from Member States in Asia in planning for and building a response team in civilian protection, civilian defence, and rescue operations in contaminated areas, as well as for measures against incidents involving chemical-warfare agents. The course will also give an overview of what kinds of assistance the OPCW, the host country, and other Member States can provide.
3. The course will offer a basic introduction to the use of individual and collective protective equipment, and to monitoring, detection, and decontamination techniques. It will also facilitate the exchange of information and experiences regarding the implementation of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”), and 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.
4. Given the purpose of the course and its technical nature, candidates will be carefully selected, and should have experience with assistance and protection against chemical weapons. Preference will 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 during 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. For these participants it will cover the cost of round-trip flights to the Republic of Korea, medical insurance, and a limited subsistence allowance for sundry expenses.



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, 8 May 2005**, and to depart **no later than Saturday, 14 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. The National Authority of the Republic of Korea will provide course materials, accommodation, and local transport during the course to all participants, at no cost to them or to the OPCW. The National Authority will make all accommodation arrangements. Further details regarding accommodation, the course venue, and transport will be issued to all confirmed participants at a later date.
8. 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.
9. Participants are requested to obtain all necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to the Republic of Korea.
10. 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 30 March 2005**. Please be advised that participants must present an OPCW acceptance letter in order to register for the course.
11. Additional information may be obtained from the Assistance and Protection Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, at the contact address given above.

Annexes

Annex 1: Provisional Programme

Annex 2: Nomination Form

Annex 1

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Monday, 9 May 2005	
08:30 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 10:30	Introduction and course briefing
10:30 – 12:00	Lecture: Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:30	Lecture: chemical threats, and defence against chemical-warfare agents
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00 – 17:00	Lecture, continued
Tuesday, 10 May 2005	
08:30 – 10:00	Lecture, continued
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:30 – 12:00	Lecture: individual protection
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:30	Lecture: responding to chemical attacks
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00 – 17:00	Lecture: individual protection
Wednesday, 11 May 2005	
	Visit to secured sites
Thursday, 12 May 2005	
08:30 – 10:30	Practical: individual protection
10:30 – 12:00	Demonstration and exercise: reconnaissance equipment and resource management
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:30	Demonstration and exercise, continued
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00 – 17:00	Demonstration and exercise, continued
Friday, 13 May 2005	
08:30 – 09:30	Practical: decontaminating personnel and equipment
09:30 – 10:00	Demonstration: Fixed-area decontamination
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:30 – 12:00	Gas-room exercise: self-protection
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:30	Lecture: managing terrorist situations
14:30 – 15:30	Questions and answers
15:30 – 16:00	Maintenance and return of protective equipment
16:00 – 16:30	Completion of programme
16:30 – 17:00	Snacks and souvenirs

Annex 2

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NOMINATION FORM

Please submit the completed form, **along with a brief curriculum vitae, by 30 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.	Government body making the nomination			
2.	Family name of nominee			
3.	First name(s)			
4.	Date of birth	Day	Month	Year
5.	Citizenship			
6.	Gender*	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	
7.	Passport number			
8.	Date of issue	Day	Month	Year
9.	Expiry date	Day	Month	Year
10.	Place of issue			
11.	Areas of expertise			
12.	Employer			
13.	Position			

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

14.	Contact address (Please do not give a post-office box number)	Street	
		Number	Post code
		City	
		Country	
15.	E-mail address		
16.	Telephone numbers, including country and city codes	Home	
		Work	
		Mobile	
17.	Fax numbers, including country and city codes	Home	
		Work	
18.	Has the nominee previously attended a meeting of this kind?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If so, when and where?	
19.	Is sponsorship a condition of participation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	