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**TRAINING COURSE ON PROTECTIVE MEASURES
IN EMERGENCY RESPONSES (PROTEM 2005)
PŘÍBRAM, THE CZECH REPUBLIC
11 – 16 SEPTEMBER 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 representatives for a training course for specialists in managing protective measures during emergency responses. The course will be held at the National Institute for Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical (NBC) Protection in Příbram, the Czech Republic, from 11 to 16 September 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 managing rescue operations in contaminated areas, as well as in responses, including countermeasures, to incidents involving chemical-warfare agents. It will also facilitate the exchange of information on and experiences in taking emergency measures during such responses.
3. Given the purpose of the course and its technical nature, candidates will be carefully selected. They should have a background in toxicology and the chemistry associated with assistance and protection against chemical-warfare agents and other hazardous materials. Preference will be given to specialists, officers from emergency-response units involved in civilian protection, and advisers and instructors. All participants should be physically fit and be able to wear individual protective gear during practical sessions of the course.
4. The Secretariat will not be able to sponsor participants from Member States. However, course materials, accommodation, and local transport during the course will be provided by the National Institute for NBC Protection in Příbram, at no cost to participants or the OPCW. Further details regarding accommodation and transport will be issued to all confirmed participants at a later date.
5. Participants are expected to **arrive no earlier than Saturday, 10 September 2005**, and to **depart no later than Saturday, 17 September 2005**.



6. 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 English, both written and oral.
7. Participants are requested to obtain all necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to the Czech Republic.
8. 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. The completed form 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. The nomination 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 15 July 2005**. Please be advised that participants must present an OPCW acceptance letter in order to register for the course.
9. 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: Provisional Programme

Annex 2: Nomination Form

Annex 1

**TRAINING COURSE ON PROTECTIVE MEASURES IN EMERGENCY
RESPONSES (PROTEM 2005) PŘÍBRAM, THE CZECH REPUBLIC
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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

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| <i>Sunday, 11 September 2005</i> | |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | Registration |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | Distribution of course materials and protective equipment |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 14:00 – 14:50 | Official opening, and the status of implementation of the CWC ¹ |
| 15:00 – 15:50 | Threats posed by hazardous materials |
| 15:50 – 16:10 | <i>Break</i> |
| 16:10 – 18:00 | Properties of hazardous materials, exposure to such materials, and toxicology |
| 20:00 – 21:130 | Seminar on toxicology |
| <i>Monday, 12 September</i> | |
| 08:15 – 10:05 | Emergency-response operations (part I) |
| 10:05 – 10:30 | <i>Break</i> |
| 10:30 – 12:30 | Emergency-response operations (part II) |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 14:00 – 15:50 | Emergency-response operations (part III) |
| 15:50 – 16:10 | <i>Break</i> |
| 16:10 – 18:00 | Receiving and working with hazardous materials |
| <i>Tuesday, 13 September</i> | |
| 08:15 – 10:05 | Detecting and identifying hazardous materials (part I) |
| 10:05 – 10:30 | <i>Break</i> |
| 10:30 – 12:30 | Detecting and identifying hazardous materials (part II) |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 14:00 – 15:50 | Individual protection, and testing of protective equipment |
| 15:50 – 16:10 | <i>Break</i> |
| 16:10 – 18:00 | Heat stress |
| 20:00 – 21:30 | Self-study and consultations |
| <i>Wednesday, 14 September</i> | |
| 08:15 – 10:05 | Demonstration in a heat-stress chamber |
| 10:05 – 10:30 | <i>Break</i> |
| 10:30 – 12:30 | Avoiding contamination, and decontamination |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 14:00 – 15:50 | Equipment and material for decontamination; decontamination operations |
| 15:50 – 16:10 | <i>Break</i> |
| 16:10 – 18:00 | Decontamination of mass casualties |
| 20:00 – 21:30 | Discussion on decontaminating responders and casualties |

¹ The Chemical Weapons Convention

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| <i>Thursday, 15 September</i> | |
| 08:15 – 10:05 | Safety during emergency responses |
| 10:05 – 10:30 | <i>Break</i> |
| 10:30 – 12:30 | Medical countermeasures (part I) |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 14:00 – 15:50 | Medical countermeasures (part II) |
| 15:50 – 16:10 | <i>Break</i> |
| 16:10 – 18:00 | Seminar on safety and on medical countermeasures |
| <i>Friday, 16 September</i> | |
| 08:15 – 10:05 | Mock exercise: response to an incident involving toxic chemicals |
| 10:05 – 10:30 | <i>Break</i> |
| 10:30 – 12:30 | Mock exercise (continued) |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 14:00 – 15:50 | Mock exercise, continued; return of equipment |
| 15:50 – 16:10 | <i>Break</i> |
| 16:10 – 18:00 | Discussion and evaluation of the course |

Annex 2

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NOMINATION FORM

Send the completed form, so that it arrives no later than **15 July 2005**, to:
The Director, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW
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

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| 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 | | |
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| 11. | Employer | | |
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| 12. | Employer's address (Please do not give a post-office box number) | Street | |
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| | | Country | |
| 13. | E-mail address | | |

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

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| 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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| 16. | Has the nominee previously taken a course of this kind? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If so, when and where? |
| 17. | Please list any special requirements. | |
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