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**NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT**

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS  
FOR AN ASSISTANCE-AND-PROTECTION COURSE  
SEOUL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA  
12 – 16 JUNE 2006**

1. On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Director-General is pleased to invite nominations for an assistance-and-protection course that will take place from 12 to 16 June 2006 in Seoul, the Republic of Korea.
2. The course, which will be jointly organised by the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”), will provide training to up to 25 participants in planning for and building a support team in civil protection, civil defence, and decontamination operations in contaminated areas, as well as in appropriate responses and countermeasures in the event of incidents involving chemical-warfare agents. It will also give an overview of what kinds of assistance the OPCW, the host country, and Member States in Asia 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. The course 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 participating 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 at a time during practical sessions of the course. Some practical experience with protective equipment is desirable.
5. The Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor the participation of a limited number of participants. Each nomination should specify whether sponsorship is a condition of the nominee’s participation. For sponsored participants, the Secretariat will cover the costs of travel and medical insurance, and will provide a limited subsistence allowance to cover sundry expenses. The course materials, accommodation, meals, and local transport during the course will be provided by the National Authority of the



Republic of Korea, at no cost to the participants or the OPCW. Further details regarding accommodation, the course venue, and transport 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, 11 June 2006**, and to depart **no later than Saturday, 17 June 2006**. 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 and to inform the Secretariat accordingly.
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 written and oral command of the English language.
8. Participants are requested to obtain all necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to the Republic of Korea.
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](mailto:EmergAssistBr@opcw.org). All materials must be received by the Secretariat **no later than 5 May 2006**. 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 address given above.

Annexes:

Annex 1: Provisional Programme  
Annex 2: Nomination Form

**Annex 1**

**ASSISTANCE-AND-PROTECTION COURSE  
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**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b><i>Sunday, 11 June 2006</i></b>	
	Arrival of participants
<b><i>Monday, 12 June 2006</i></b>	
08:30 – 09:00	Registration, and preparations for the course
09:00 – 09:30	Welcoming address, and introduction to instructors
09:30 – 10:20	Introduction by the host country
10:30 – 11:00	Overview of the course
11:00 – 12:00	Introductions to participants
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:50	Lecture: introduction to the Chemical Weapons Convention and the OPCW
15:00 – 15:50	Lecture: History of chemical warfare
16:00 – 16:50	Lecture: Classification and characteristics of chemical-warfare agents
<b><i>Tuesday, 13 June 2006</i></b>	
08:30 – 09:20	Lecture: Weapons of mass destruction: non-proliferation and counter-proliferation
09:30 – 12:00	Lecture: individual protection equipment; detection, protection, treatment
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:50	Lecture: procedures to follow during a terrorist attack involving the use of chemical weapons
15:00 – 15:50	Lecture: chemical-accident response information system
16:00 – 16:50	Lecture: the emergency-management system
<b><i>Wednesday, 14 June 2006</i></b>	
09:00 – 17:00	Visit to secured sites
<b><i>Thursday, 15 June 2006</i></b>	
08:30 – 10:20	Exercise: chemical-warfare agents
10:30 – 12:00	Lecture and exercise: reconnaissance equipment
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:20	Lecture and exercise: decontamination equipments
15:30 – 16:50	Demonstration: individual protective equipment and decontamination of terrain
<b><i>Friday, 16 June 2006</i></b>	
08:30 – 10:50	Lecture: collective protection during a terrorist attack involving chemical weapons
11:00 – 12:00	Demonstration: managing terrorist situations
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:30	Lecture: operation of collective-protection systems
14:30 – 16:50	Feedback, and closing ceremony

**Annex 2**

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**NOMINATION FORM**

Please submit the completed form, **along with a brief curriculum vitae**, by 5 May 2006 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](mailto: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		
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	

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

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"/>

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