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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
FOR A WORKSHOP ON THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION
ALGIERS, ALGERIA
18 AND 19 JUNE 2007**

1. On behalf of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Director-General is pleased to invite States Parties and States not Party in Africa to a workshop on the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”), to be co-organised with the Government of Algeria, in Algiers, on 18 and 19 June 2007. The workshop has a special significance, because it provides an opportunity to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention.
2. The main objectives of the workshop, which is supported by a European Union Joint Action,¹ are to promote the universality of the Convention in Africa and to encourage its full and effective implementation in that region. It is also intended to:
 - (a) explain the obligations of States Parties under the Convention, as well as its benefits, including the contribution it makes to international peace and security;
 - (b) raise awareness of the Convention and of the activities of the OPCW; and
 - (c) provide a forum for the sharing of experiences among African States Parties with practical implementation-related matters.
3. These objectives are consistent with various decisions on the effective implementation of the Convention and on universality that have been adopted by the States Parties to the Convention and by the African Union, which has reiterated “the call to achieve universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention in Africa.”²
4. The two-day workshop will comprise a number of elements, including the following:
 - (a) an overview of the Convention, and of States Parties’ obligations;

¹ Council Joint Action 2005/913/CFSP of 12 December 2005

² See Annex 2.



- (b) a presentation on the status of implementation of the Convention in Africa;
 - (c) a discussion of challenges and tasks that lie ahead in regard to the implementation of the Convention;
 - (d) a discussion of regional networking and cooperation in the implementation of the Convention; and
 - (e) information sessions on the Convention, tailored to the needs of States Parties and States not Party in Africa.
5. The provisional programme for the workshop will be circulated in due course.
6. In order for the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) to meet the needs of individual States during the workshop, time will be reserved for bilateral consultations between the Secretariat and representatives of both States Parties and States not Party. These consultations will also provide an opportunity for discussions on the following:
- (a) the status of preparations in individual States not Party to join the Convention;
 - (b) the status of implementation of the Convention in States Parties; and
 - (c) the kinds of assistance and support that might be provided in respect of (a) and (b) above.
7. Participants are requested to indicate on the nomination form that is included as Annex 1 to this Note whether a meeting with the Secretariat is required, so that these consultations can be planned in advance.
8. The Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor the participation of two representatives from each African State not Party. It encourages States Parties to bear the costs associated with their participation; however, it also expects to be able to sponsor the participation of a limited number of representatives of National Authorities from African States Parties. Each nomination should specify whether sponsorship is a condition of the nominee’s participation.
9. For sponsored participants, the Secretariat will cover the costs of travel, meals, and medical insurance, and will provide a limited subsistence allowance to cover sundry expenses. In cases where the Secretariat arranges accommodation for sponsored participants, it will also cover the costs of that accommodation. Sponsored participants who do not intend to use the accommodation provided by the Secretariat are requested to indicate that to the Secretariat as soon as possible, so that it does not incur hotel cancellation fees. In any case the Secretariat will not pay for accommodation it has not arranged.
10. When making travel arrangements for sponsored participants, the Secretariat will seek the most-economical options. It will purchase tickets and send them to participants. Sponsored participants will be allowed to purchase tickets locally only if this leads to

further savings for the Secretariat and if the Secretariat authorises it. Sponsored participants are expected to arrive in Algiers **no earlier than 17 June 2007**, and to depart **no later than 20 June 2007**. The Secretariat will not cover expenses unrelated to the workshop 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 and accommodation arrangements, although the Secretariat may, on request and subject to availability, be able to arrange accommodation at reduced rates.

11. The workshop will be conducted in both English and French, and simultaneous interpretation will be provided. All participants must therefore possess a good command of one of these languages.
12. Participants are advised to obtain any necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to Algeria.
13. Participants will be informed in due course regarding hotel arrangements and the venue for the workshop.
14. Both States Parties and States not Party in Africa are invited to complete the nomination form that is included as Annex 1 to this Note, making sure in particular to provide all the contact details it requests. Completed forms should be sent to the Director, External Relations Division, OPCW, Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands. Nominations may also be submitted by fax to +31 (0)70 306 3535 or +31 (0)70 416 3280, or by e-mail to grb@opcw.org. All nominations must be received by the Secretariat **no later than 15 May 2007**. Please be advised that participants must present an OPCW acceptance letter in order to register at the workshop.
15. Additional information on the workshop may be obtained from the Government Relations and Political Affairs Branch, External Relations Division, at the contact address given above. The contact persons are Mr Martin A. Ewi, who can be reached at +31 (0)70 416 3023, and Ms Valeria Santori, who can be reached at +31 (0)70 416 3232.

Annexes:

- Annex 1: Nomination Form
- Annex 2: Text of the African Union Decision on the Implementation and Universality of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction (AHG/Dec. 181 (XXXVIII))

Annex 1

**WORKSHOP ON THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION
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18 AND 19 JUNE 2007**

NOMINATION FORM

Please submit the completed form by **15 May 2007** to:
The Director, External Relations Division, OPCW
Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands
Fax: +31 (0)70 306 3535/416 3280; e-mail: grb@opcw.org

Please use BLOCK LETTERS.

1.	Government body making the nomination		
2.	Family name of nominee ³		
3.	First name(s)		
4.	Date of birth	Day	Month Year
5.	Citizenship		
6.	Gender ⁴	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.	Function in regard to the implementation of the Convention		
12.	Employer		
13.	Position (including title)		
14.	Employer's 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	

³ Please give the first and family names exactly as they appear in the nominee's passport.

⁴ For this and like items below, please tick the appropriate box or boxes.

18.	Has the nominee previously attended a workshop 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"/>
20.	Is interpretation into the French language required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
21.	Dietary requirements	Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> No special requirements <input type="checkbox"/>
22.	What areas of the Convention are of concern or interest to your country?
23.	Is a meeting with the Secretariat required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If so, please indicate what areas you would like the meeting to cover: Verification-related <input type="checkbox"/> Legal <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> (please specify):

Annex 2

**TEXT OF THE
AFRICAN UNION DECISION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION AND
UNIVERSALITY
OF THE CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT,
PRODUCTION, STOCKPILING AND USE
OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION
(AHG/DEC. 181 (XXXVIII))⁵**

The Assembly:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction (hereinafter the Convention) that aims to achieve the effective prohibition of the development, production, acquisition, transfer, stockpiling and use of chemical weapons and their destruction,
2. **RECALLS** United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/55/33 of 20 November 2000 which notes with appreciation the ongoing work to achieve the objective and purpose of the Convention, to ensure the full implementation of its provisions and to provide a forum for consultation and cooperation among States Parties,
3. **ALSO RECALLS** the steadfast position of Africa regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction and in particular to the Pelindaba Treaty,
4. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the conclusions and recommendations of the workshop devoted to Africa on the Chemical Weapons Convention held in Khartoum, the Sudan, from 9 to 11 March 2002,
5. **WELCOMES** the recommendation for an effective implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention in Africa through sustained technical assistance from the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons,
6. **ENCOURAGES** the call to achieve universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention in Africa,
7. **REQUESTS** the Secretary General to inform Council, at its regular sessions, of developments regarding the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention and the progress made on the issue of universality.

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5 Resolution adopted by the 38th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organisation of African Unity, and endorsed by the First Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the AU, held in Durban, South Africa, from 9 to 11 July 2002.