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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
FOR THE SUBREGIONAL SEMINAR ON CHEMICAL INDUSTRY-RELATED
ISSUES FOR STATES PARTIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BASIN
ISTANBUL, TURKEY
24 AND 25 SEPTEMBER 2009**

1. On behalf of the Government of Turkey and the OPCW, the Director-General is pleased to invite National Authorities and chemical industries in the Mediterranean Basin to submit nominations for a subregional seminar on matters related to national implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) that are also of relevance to the chemical industry, to be held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 24 and 25 September 2009. Nominees from National Authorities should actually be involved in preparing declarations under Article VI of the Convention or in escorting OPCW inspection teams that carry out inspections under the said Article. Representatives of the chemical industry in different Member States should be nominated through their respective National Authorities.
2. The Second Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Second Review Conference”) took place in The Hague in April 2008. During the review process of the operation of the verification regime of the Convention, several issues dealing with Article VI (declarations and inspections) were extensively discussed and the views of the States Parties were reflected in the final document adopted by the Second Review Conference (RC-2/4, dated 18 April 2008). The guidance provided by the Second Review Conference will be crucial for the operation of the verification regime, including Article VI-related issues, for the foreseeable future.
3. The number of Article VI declarations from the States Parties in the Mediterranean Basin can be expected to increase as a result of greater awareness about the Article VI declaration requirements. Subsequent to the adoption by the Conference of the States Parties of a recent decision on, inter alia, import-export terminology (C-13/DEC/CRP.1, dated 7 November 2008), this seminar will aim to sensitise States Parties to the new approach to be adopted in order to declare imports and exports of scheduled chemicals on the basis of this recent decision.



4. The objectives of the seminar are to:
 - (a) provide an opportunity for participating States Parties to consider and discuss specific chemical industry-related issues that have a direct bearing on the effective implementation of the Convention in light of the recommendations made by the Second Review Conference;
 - (b) contribute to information sharing on practical implementation-related issues arising from the decisions taken at the Second Review Conference;
 - (c) foster wider cooperation between States Parties in the Mediterranean Basin on chemical industry-related issues in order to achieve the objectives of the Convention and of subsequent decisions taken by the policy-making organs of the OPCW; and
 - (d) exchange experiences in receiving chemical-industry inspections, as well as in improving their efficiency.
5. Participants in the seminar will be expected to make presentations on the following topics:
 - (a) current practices in identifying activities declarable under Article VI of the Convention;
 - (b) current practices in gathering data on the import and export of scheduled chemicals; and
 - (c) experience gained in receiving inspections under Article VI of the Convention.
6. The provisional programme for the seminar is included as Annex 1 to this Note.
7. The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) expects to be able to sponsor the participation of one National Authority representative and one chemical industry representative from a limited number of States Parties. Industry representatives shall be nominated through their respective National Authorities in the Mediterranean Basin. The sponsorship of National Authority representatives shall be contingent upon the nomination and sponsorship of industry representatives of the relevant States Parties. 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, meals, and medical insurance, and will provide a limited subsistence allowance to cover sundry expenses. The Secretariat will also arrange and pay for accommodation for sponsored participants. Sponsored participants who do not intend to use the accommodation arranged by the Secretariat are requested to indicate that as soon as possible, so that the Secretariat does not incur hotel cancellation fees. In any case, the Secretariat will not cover the costs of any accommodation that it has not arranged.
8. The nomination forms for the seminar are included as Annex 2 to this Note.

9. When making travel arrangements for sponsored participants, the Secretariat will seek the most economical options. It will purchase tickets and send them to participants. 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, participants are expected to **arrive no earlier than Wednesday, 23 September 2009**, and to **depart no later than Saturday, 26 September 2009**. The Secretariat's agreement is required for any changes to the arrival and departure dates. The Secretariat will not cover expenses unrelated to the seminar or resulting from changes to travel arrangements that it has not authorised. Sponsored participants shall bear all costs resulting from changes they make, including cancellations once the Secretariat has purchased tickets. Participants who have not been sponsored are requested to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements, although the Secretariat can, if necessary, arrange accommodation at reduced rates.
10. Participants are requested to obtain any necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to the seminar. When applying for any entry visa, they should present the Embassy or Consulate of Turkey with a copy of the acceptance letter from the OPCW.
11. The seminar will be conducted entirely in English. All participants are therefore expected to have a good written and oral command of that language.
12. Interested National Authorities are invited to complete the nomination form that is included as Annex 2 to this Note, making sure in particular to provide all the contact details it requests. Completed forms should be addressed 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)70 306 3535, or by e-mail to ipb@opcw.org. All nominations must be received by the Secretariat **no later than Sunday, 23 August 2009**. Please be advised that participants must present the aforementioned OPCW acceptance letter in order to register at the seminar.
13. Additional information about the seminar may be obtained from the Implementation Support Branch in the International Cooperation and Assistance Division. The contact persons for the seminar are Ms Mina Senior-Faress and Mr Ananda Perera, who can be reached at +31 (0)70 416 3277 and +31 (0)70 416 3818 respectively.

Annexes:

Annex 1: Provisional Programme

Annex 2: Nomination Forms

Annex 1**SUBREGIONAL SEMINAR ON CHEMICAL INDUSTRY-RELATED ISSUES
FOR STATES PARTIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BASIN****ISTANBUL, TURKEY
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Time	Activity
<i>Thursday, 24 September 2009</i>	
08:00 – 08:45	Registration
09:00 – 09:30	Opening ceremony
09:30 – 10:00	The Chemical Weapons Convention and its status of implementation
10:00 – 10:30	Legal requirements for the implementation of the verification regime under the Convention
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 11:30	An introduction to the verification regime of the Convention
11:30 – 12:00	Role of National Authorities in implementing Article VI obligations
12:00 – 12:30	Transfer provisions of the Convention
12:30 – 13:00	The OPCW's contribution to global anti-terrorism efforts: new challenges—safety and security in chemical plants
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 – 15:30	Panel on outreach to industry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote address (30 minutes) • Three presentations by participants (30 minutes) • Round-table discussion (30 minutes)
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00 – 17:00	Panel on outreach to industry (cont'd): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round-table discussion (30 minutes) • Summing up and conclusions (30 minutes): future collaboration between the OPCW and States Parties in order to improve declarations and inspection efforts in the Mediterranean Basin
18:00 – 20:00	Welcome reception by Istanbul Chamber of Commerce
<i>Friday, 25 September 2009</i>	
09:00 – 10:30	Panel on the import/export regime of the Convention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote address (30 minutes) • Three presentations by participants (30 minutes) • Round-table discussion (30 minutes)
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Panel on the import/export regime of the Convention (cont'd): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round-table discussion (30 minutes) • Summing up and conclusions (30 minutes): future collaboration between the OPCW and States Parties in order to improve declarations and inspection efforts in the Mediterranean Basin
12:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break (lunch will be served at 13:00)</i>

14:00 – 15:30	Panel on inspections under Article VI of the Convention: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keynote address (30 minutes)• Three presentations by participants (30 minutes)• Round-table discussion (30 minutes)
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17:00 – 17:30	Closing ceremony

Annex 2

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NOMINATION FORM FOR NATIONAL AUTHORITY

Please submit the completed form by **23 August 2009** to:
The Director, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW
Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands
Fax: +31 (0)70 306 3535; e-mail: ipb@opcw.org.

Please TYPE or use BLOCK LETTERS.

1.	Family name of nominee ¹	
2.	First name(s)	
3.	Date of birth	Day Month Year
4.	Citizenship	
5.	Gender ²	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
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.	Is sponsorship a condition of participation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

¹ Please give the first and family names exactly as they appear in the nominee's passport.
² For this item and item 17 below, please tick the appropriate box.

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