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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR A REGIONAL WORKSHOP
FOR STATES PARTIES IN AFRICA
ON ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION AGAINST CHEMICAL WEAPONS
ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA
17 – 19 MARCH 2010**

1. On behalf of the Government of Ethiopia and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Director-General wishes to invite States Parties in Africa to submit nominations for a regional workshop on assistance and protection against chemical weapons, to be held from 17 to 19 March 2010 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The regional workshop will be conducted in the framework of the decision by the Council of the European Union on support for OPCW activities, as part of the OPCW's Programme to Strengthen Cooperation with Africa.
2. This workshop is designed as a forum for managers and planners who are involved in the protection of their civilian populations against chemical weapons, or who would be responsible for the provision of emergency assistance under Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter "the Convention"). It will provide information on the following:
 - (a) the implementation of Article X;
 - (b) national and international projects being carried out by the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter "the Secretariat");
 - (c) the OPCW's data bank on assistance and protection; and
 - (d) regional approaches to assistance and protection, including the train-the-trainer approach.
3. The workshop is intended to foster discussion and analysis of several assistance and protection-related issues, with special focus on areas such as rights and obligations of States Parties under Article X of the Convention, submissions of declarations of protective programmes, and analysis of weaknesses and problem areas. It will also provide an overview of assistance and protection activities in the region. Participants from African States Parties will give presentations in order to share experiences and lessons learned.



4. Given the purpose of the workshop and its technical nature, candidates will be carefully selected. They should have a background in planning and executing emergency-response operations. The nomination of female participants is strongly encouraged.
5. The Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor the attendance at the workshop of a limited number of participants from States Parties in Africa. 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, medical insurance, accommodation, and meals, and will provide a limited subsistence allowance to cover sundry expenses. Further details regarding accommodation, the workshop 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. Participants are expected to arrive **no earlier than Tuesday, 16 March 2010**, and to depart **no later than Saturday, 20 March 2010**. 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 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 arrangements.
7. Each State Party represented at the workshop will be expected to give a national presentation lasting up to 20 minutes on their capabilities and needs in the field of assistance and protection.
8. The workshop will be conducted in English, and no interpretation services of any kind will be provided. Participants are therefore expected to have a good oral and written command of English.
9. Participants are requested to obtain all necessary visas, including transit visas, before travelling to Ethiopia.
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 the contact details it requests. Completed nomination 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. They 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 10 February 2010**. Please be advised that participants must present an OPCW acceptance letter in order to register for the workshop.
11. Those who have been selected to participate will be contacted no later than two weeks after the submission deadline. States Parties are requested to inform the International Cooperation and Assistance Division (ICA) of any administrative or other problems that may arise in connection with the attendance of any participant.

12. The provisional programme for the workshop is included as Annex 1 to this Note; further details will be issued at a later date. Any questions may be addressed to the Assistance and Protection Branch of the International Cooperation and Assistance Division. The contact persons are Mr Muhammad A. Kazi, who can be reached at +31 (0)70 416 3775 and Ms Elena Gavrilova, who can be reached at +31 (0)70 416 3220.

Annexes:

- Annex 1: Provisional Programme
- Annex 2: Nomination Form (English only)

Annex 1

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time	Activity
<i>Tuesday, 16 March 2010</i>	
	Arrival of participants
<i>Wednesday, 17 March 2010</i>	
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:45	Opening ceremony
09:45 – 10:00	Group photo
10:00 – 11:00	Presentation: The Convention and the implementation of Article X – plans for 2010 and beyond
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15 – 12:00	Presentation: National protection programmes and the relevant decisions of the Conference of the States Parties
12:00 – 12:45	Group discussion: National protection programmes
12:45 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:00	Presentation: Offers of assistance under paragraph 7 of Article X – contributions to the voluntary fund for assistance, bilateral agreements, and offers of assistance
15:00 – 15:20	Presentation: The OPCW data bank on assistance and protection
15:20 – 15:35	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:35 – 16:30	Group discussion: Offers of assistance under paragraph 7 of Article X – contributions to the voluntary fund for assistance, bilateral agreements, and offers of assistance – use of the OPCW data bank on assistance and protection
<i>Thursday, 18 March 2010</i>	
09:00 – 10:00	Presentation: Overview of projects run by the Assistance and Protection Branch (APB) in the region
10:00 – 10:45	Presentation: APB training evaluation
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 12:45	Presentations: National presentations on APB projects for Africa
12:45 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:15	Group discussion: APB projects and programmes – impact, evaluation, training the trainers
15:15 – 15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:30 – 16:30	Presentation: Donor countries for African projects
<i>Friday, 19 March 2010</i>	
09:00 – 09:45	Presentation: Preparedness of the Secretariat to respond in the event of a request for assistance
09:45 – 10:45	Presentation: Status of preparation of ASSISTEX 3 – African teams in ASSISTEX 3
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Discussion: Preparedness of the Secretariat and States Parties for delivery of assistance – regional approach
12:00 – 12:15	Presentation: Future projects for the implementation of Article X in Africa
12:15 – 12:45	Discussion: Future projects for the implementation of Article X in Africa
12:45 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
	Departure of participants

Annex 2

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NOMINATION FORM

Please submit the completed form **by 10 February 2010** 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.

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	
	Date of issue	Day Month Year
	Expiry date	Day Month Year
	Place of issue	
7.	Areas of expertise
8.	Employer
9.	Position	
10.	Contact address (Please do not give a post-office box number)
11.	E-mail address	
12.	Telephone numbers, including country and city codes	Home Work Mobile
13.	Fax numbers, including country and city codes	Home Work
14.	Airport of departure	
15.	Has the nominee previously attended a meeting of this kind?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If so, when and where?
16.	Is sponsorship a condition of participation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

* Family name and first name should be listed exactly as they appear in the nominee's passport.

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