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**NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS  
FOR THE SEMINAR “THE OPCW’S CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL  
SECURITY DIMENSION: ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES”  
BERLIN, GERMANY  
7 AND 8 JUNE 2010**

1. The Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) is pleased to invite all Member States to participate in a seminar on “The OPCW’s Contribution to the International Security Dimension: Achievements and Challenges”, to be held in Berlin, Germany, at the Federal Foreign Office, on 7 and 8 June 2010.
2. The two-day seminar is jointly organised by the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) and Germany, and is funded by the European Union (EU) under its Council decision 2009/569/CFSP of 27 July 2009.
3. This seminar aims to promote the goals of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) by assessing, in conjunction with major international stakeholders, both the achievements of the Organisation and the challenges that lie ahead. These stakeholders include States Parties to the Convention, States not Party, the United Nations, the chemical industry, scientific and academic institutions, think tanks, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and other relevant international and regional organisations.
4. By focussing on the essential role that the Convention plays in terms of international security, this seminar will seek to enhance support for its objectives within policy-making circles in national capitals. Critical issues that affect the long-term success of the Convention, such as effective national implementation, universality, and the impact of developments in science and technology, will be discussed.
5. The contribution of the Convention to international security was underscored by the Second Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Convention (hereinafter “the Second Review Conference”), held in The Hague, the Netherlands, from 7 to 18 April 2008, which noted, inter alia, that “the implementation of the Convention makes a major contribution to international peace and security”, and that it “sets new standards for global disarmament and



non-proliferation through verification in a non-discriminatory and multilateral manner”.<sup>1</sup> The Second Review Conference underlined “the essential contribution that the Convention has made to confidence building and cooperation among States Parties, as well as to their national security”.<sup>2</sup>

6. The Second Review Conference also underlined “the importance of the involvement of all stakeholders, including the chemical industry and the scientific community in the promotion of the Convention’s goals and in supporting national implementation;” furthermore, it “encouraged the development of such cooperation, with due regard to the role and responsibilities of States Parties and their National Authorities, on the broadest possible geographical basis”.<sup>3</sup>
7. The organisation of this seminar is, therefore, consistent with the recommendation of the Second Review Conference relating to the need for further efforts to broaden support for the Convention, especially at a policy-making level. The seminar thus intends to:
  - (a) raise awareness about the importance of the Convention and the work of the OPCW;
  - (b) strengthen dialogue and coordination between the OPCW and major stakeholders at the national, regional, and international levels; and
  - (c) promote universal adherence to, and the effective implementation of, the Convention.
8. The following thematic issues will be discussed at the seminar:
  - (a) the state of implementation of the Convention (including the status of destruction of chemical weapons), and relevant decision of the policy-making organs, including the Second Review Conference;
  - (b) universality and national implementation of the Convention (achievements and challenges);
  - (c) the future of industry verification and developments in science and technology (and their impact on the Convention);
  - (d) cooperation among international organisations in an interdependent world, an exchange of views on global anti-terrorism efforts, and the implementation of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolution 1540 (2004); and
  - (e) effective multilateralism: The contribution of the Convention to disarmament and non-proliferation, and the current state of arms control and disarmament, including opportunities and challenges.

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<sup>1</sup> See paragraph 9.1 of the final report of the Second Review Conference (RC-2/4, dated 18 April 2008).

<sup>2</sup> See paragraph 9.2 of RC-2/4.

<sup>3</sup> See paragraph 9.136 of RC-2/4.

9. Member States are invited to nominate participants for the seminar. The Secretariat also invites participation from States not Party, and the other stakeholders mentioned in paragraph 3 above. Due to the limited funds available for sponsorship, the Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor only a limited number of participants at the senior policy-making level. The nomination of qualified female participants is strongly encouraged.
10. The seminar will be conducted in English. All participants must therefore possess a good command of English, both written and oral.
11. Each nomination should specify whether sponsorship is a condition for 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 meals and 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 it has not arranged.
12. When making travel arrangements for sponsored participants, the Secretariat will seek the most economical options. The Secretariat 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. Sponsored participants shall bear all costs resulting from any changes they make, once the Secretariat has purchased tickets.
13. Participants who have not been sponsored by the Secretariat are requested to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. In order to facilitate the booking of hotel rooms, the German Federal Foreign Office has arranged for accommodation at reduced rates. Concessional rates are available at three hotels in Berlin, all of which are in the vicinity of the conference venue. To benefit from these rates, non-sponsored participants must reserve their rooms directly with the hotels **by 22 April 2010**. For additional information regarding hotel reservations, participants are advised to visit [www.cwc-conference-berlin-2010.diplo.de](http://www.cwc-conference-berlin-2010.diplo.de), the Federal Foreign Office website for the seminar.
14. In order for the Secretariat to keep costs at a minimum, sponsored participants are expected to arrive **no earlier than 6 June 2010** and to depart **no later than 9 June 2010**.
15. Participants are requested to obtain any necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to Germany.
16. Interested participants 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, External Relations Division, OPCW, Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands. Nominations may also be submitted by fax to +31 (0)70 416 3280 or

+31 (0)70 306 3535, or by e-mail to [grb@opcw.org](mailto:grb@opcw.org). All nominations must be received by the Secretariat **no later than 15 April 2010**.

17. Additional information about the workshop may be obtained from the Government Relations Branch, External Relations Division. The contact persons are Ms Eva Pérez, who can be reached at +31 (0)70 416 3237 and Mr Martin Ewi, who can be reached at +31 (0)70 416 3023. Registration forms are also available on the OPCW website: <http://www.opcw.org>.

Annexes:

Annex 1: Provisional Programme

Annex 2: Nomination Form

## Annex 1

**“THE OPCW’S CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY  
DIMENSION: ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES”**

**BERLIN, GERMANY**

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**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b><i>Monday, 7 June 2010</i></b>	
08:30 – 09:00	Registration of participants
09:00 – 10:30	Opening session:  Statements by: The Foreign Minister of Germany The Director-General of the OPCW The Representative of the European Union
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00 – 12:30	Session 2: The state of implementation of the Convention (including the status of destruction of chemical weapons), and relevant decisions of the policy-making organs, including the Second Review Conference
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Buffet lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:00	Session 3: Universality, and national implementation by States Parties to the Convention
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
15:30 – 17:00	Session 4: The future of industry verification, and developments in science and technology and their impact on the Convention
18:00 – 21:00	Reception for all participants, and a boat tour of Berlin
<b><i>Tuesday, 8 June 2010</i></b>	
09:00 – 10:30	Session 5: Perspectives from NGOs (including from representatives of the Chemical Weapons Convention Coalition (CWCC))
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00 – 12:30	Session 6: Cooperation among international organisations in an interdependent world  Global anti-terrorism efforts and the implementation of UNSC resolution 1540
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Buffet lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:45	Session 7: Effective multilateralism: The contribution of the Convention to disarmament and non-proliferation  Panel discussion on the current state of arms control and disarmament: Opportunities and challenges
14:45 – 15:00	Concluding session

## Annex 2

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**NOMINATION FORM**

Please submit the completed form **by 15 April 2010** to:  
The Director, External Relations Division, OPCW  
Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands  
Fax: +31 (0)70 416 32 80; e-mail: [grb@opcw.org](mailto:grb@opcw.org)

**Please type or use BLOCK LETTERS.**

1.	Government/ organisation 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.	What areas of the Convention are of concern or interest to your country?			
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		

\* Please give the first and family names as they appear in the nominee’s passport.

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

17.	Fax numbers, including country and city codes	Home
		Work
18.	Does the nominee wish to participate in the reception hosted by the Commissioner of the Federal Government of Germany for Arms Control and Disarmament on the evening of 7 June 2010?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (This reception will be held as a buffet dinner during a river cruise through Berlin.)
19.	Does the nominee intend to benefit from the concessional hotel rates?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
20.	Any special dietary requirements?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
		If so, please describe:
21.	Is sponsorship a condition for participation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>