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**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
FOR THE SEVENTH REGIONAL ASSISTANCE-AND-PROTECTION COURSE
FOR ASIAN STATES PARTIES
SEOUL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA
16 – 20 MAY 2011**

1. On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Director-General wishes to invite States Parties in Asia to nominate representatives to participate in the Seventh Regional Assistance-and-Protection Course for Asian States Parties, which will take place from 16 to 20 May 2011 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 20 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 and toxic industrial chemicals. It will also give an overview of what kind of assistance the OPCW, the host country, and Member States in Asia can provide, and will assist participating States Parties in establishing a basic capability in protection from chemical weapons, which will directly benefit their civilian populations.
3. The course will offer a basic introduction to the use of individual and collective protective equipment, and to monitoring, detection, and decontamination techniques. Participants completing the basic course will acquire a general knowledge of chemical-warfare agents, of individual protective equipment, and of detection and decontamination equipment, as well as an understanding of how all of the equipment is to be used. 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. The course will conclude with a practical emergency-response exercise.
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, 15 May 2011**, and to depart **no later than Saturday, 21 May 2011**. 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 course 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. All materials must be received by the Secretariat **no later than 21 March 2011**. Please be advised that participants must present an OPCW acceptance letter in order to register for the course. Only selected participants will be contacted within two weeks of the submission deadline.
10. Additional information may be obtained from the Assistance and Protection Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division. The contact persons are Mr Alexander Studenikin, who can be reached at +31 (0)70 416 3621, and Ms Maria Elena Bruno, who can be reached at +31 (0)70 416 3217.

Annexes:

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Annex 1

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time	Activity
<i>Sunday, 15 May 2011</i>	
	Arrival of participants, and registration
<i>Monday, 16 May 2011</i>	
08:45 – 09:00	Welcoming address
09:00 – 10:00	Introduction by the Armed Forces CBR ¹ Defence Command and the instructors
10:00 – 11:00	Lecture: Overview of the course, and introduction of the participants
11:00 – 11:50	Lecture: Introduction to the Republic of Korea
11:50 – 13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lecture: The non-proliferation and counterproliferation of weapons of mass destruction
14:00 – 16:00	Lecture: Introduction to the Chemical Weapons Convention, and to Article X on assistance and protection
16:00 – 17:00	Lecture: The history of chemical weapons and global trends in relation to their non-proliferation and destruction
17:00 – 17:50	Lecture: The classification and characteristics of chemical-warfare agents and toxic industrial chemicals
18:30 – 20:30	Official dinner hosted by the CBR Defence Command
<i>Tuesday, 17 May 2011</i>	
09:00 – 10:00	Lecture: Individual-protection methods and first aid in the event of a chemical attack
10:00 – 11:50	Exercise: The use of individual protective equipment and materials
11:50 – 13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Exercise: The use of individual protective equipment and materials (continued)
14:00 – 15:00	Lecture: Chemical-detection principles and chemical-detection equipment
15:00 – 17:00	Exercise: Using detection equipment and materials
17:00 – 17:50	Exercise: Detection procedures and use of protective equipment

¹ CBR = chemical, biological, radiological

Time	Activity
<i>Wednesday, 18 May 2011</i>	
09:00 – 10:00	Discussion: National presentations on protection programmes against chemical weapons ²
10:00 – 11:00	Lecture: Principles of decontamination and detailed information on the equipment used during decontamination
11:00 – 11:50	Exercise: The use of decontamination equipment; display of decontamination equipment
11:50 – 13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
13:00 – 17:50	Study tour
<i>Thursday, 19 May 2011</i>	
09:00 – 10:00	Lecture: The operation of collective protective equipment; CBR protection facilities
10:00 – 11:00	Lecture: Activities related to protection during various stages of chemical attacks; prediction and reconnaissance activities related to the monitoring of toxic chemicals
11:00 – 11:50	Lecture: Decontamination of contaminated terrain, and related follow-up measures; detailed instructions for operating a decontamination post
11:50 – 13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Presentation on various weapons systems; introduction to equipment manufactured by the Korean defence industry
14:00 – 15:00	Exercise: Various methods alerting the population and the Defence Command to the presence of toxic chemicals, general protective measures, and measures related to protection against tear gas incidents
15:00 – 16:00	Exercise: Detection, identification, and decontamination of contaminated areas
16:00 – 17:50	Exercise: Decontaminating people, equipment, and terrain
<i>Friday, 20 May 2011</i>	
09:00 – 13:00	Demonstration of the Republic of Korea's civil, governmental, and military capabilities to respond to an attack; CBR counterterrorism demonstration
13:00 – 14:50	<i>Lunch</i>
15:00 – 16:50	Evaluation of the course; question-and-answer session
16:50 – 18:30	<i>Break</i>
18:30 – 20:30	Closing ceremony
<i>Saturday, 21 May 2011</i>	
	Departure of participants

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All participants are required to prepare a seven-minute talk (in the form of a PowerPoint presentation) on the subject of the national protection programmes of their country. Each presentation should be sent to the point of contact for the Republic of Korea, Captain Young-Wook Jeong, via e-mail (younguksky@hanmail.net), and to the Secretariat (EmergAssistBr@opcw.org) by **30 April 2011**.

Annex 2

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NOMINATION FORM

Please submit the completed form, along with a brief curriculum vitae, by **21 March 2011** 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

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.	Airport of departure	
16.	E-mail address	
17.	Telephone numbers, including country and city codes	Home
		Work
		Mobile
18.	Fax numbers, including country and city codes	Home
		Work

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

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

19.	Has the nominee previously attended a meeting of this kind?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If so, when and where?
20.	Is sponsorship a condition of participation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
21.	Meal preferences	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If so, please describe
22.	Size:	Gloves S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/>
		Boots (number):
		Height (m):
		Weight (kg):