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**NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT**

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS  
FOR THE THIRD SUMMER PROGRAMME ON DISARMAMENT  
AND NON-PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION  
IN A CHANGING WORLD  
THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS  
3 – 7 SEPTEMBER 2012**

1. On behalf of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Director-General wishes to encourage the Permanent Representatives of delegations to the OPCW to nominate and sponsor participants to attend the “Third Summer Programme on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction in a Changing World”, which will be held at the T.M.C. Asser Institute for International Law in The Hague, the Netherlands, from 3 to 7 September 2012.
2. Jointly developed by the OPCW and the T.M.C. Asser Institute, the summer programme was successfully launched in 2010. The programme aims to provide a broad understanding of international treaties on weapons of mass destruction (WMD) for young professionals and advanced graduate students who aspire to careers in disarmament and non-proliferation. Nominees should, therefore, have demonstrated an interest in the field, either as a focus of their advanced graduate studies or as young to mid-level professionals working in ministries, regulatory bodies, industry, policy institutes, academia, or non-governmental organisations (NGOs).
3. The specific objectives are as follows:
  - (a) to provide a broad, comparative understanding of the history, purpose, and provisions of treaties on weapons of mass destruction;
  - (b) to provide an understanding of the diplomatic, legal, and technical aspects of organisations dealing with WMDs;
  - (c) to illustrate how treaties on WMDs at the national level are implemented; and
  - (d) for networking purposes, to bring participants into direct contact with officials of bodies implementing treaties on WMDs and with related organisations.



4. The course content of the summer programme covers the Chemical Weapons Convention, the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC), the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, the Fissile Materials Cut-Off Treaty (FMCT), the proposed WMD-Free Zone in the Middle East, and chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) preparedness.
5. In its first two years, the summer programme's inter-disciplinary content was delivered by specialised academics from institutes in the Netherlands and abroad, together with experienced officials from the Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit, the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO), the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the OPCW, and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA). The programme's blend of academic and practical knowledge and its comprehensive scope were well received by participants and will be continued in 2012.
6. An important new element of the 2012 summer programme is that class work will be supplemented by visits to industrial, training, and research facilities engaged in activities relevant to the course. This will offer participants direct experience in CBRN preparedness and in the way international treaties on WMDs are implemented at the national level.
7. The provisional agenda for the 2012 summer programme is annexed to this Note.
8. The registration fee for this year's summer programme is EUR 1,450 for non-students and EUR 1,250 for students.
9. The T.M.C. Asser Institute is a not-for-profit, inter-university institute that focuses on the broad field of international law. It is based in The Hague and is partly supported with funding from the Government of the Netherlands. The OPCW collaborates with the institute in designing the agenda, providing senior staff as lecturers, mobilising the participation and support of other WMD-related international organisations, and in promoting participation by OPCW stakeholders.
10. The T.M.C. Asser Institute is also actively seeking resources to provide scholarships for outstanding applicants from countries with economies in transition who wish to participate in the 2012 programme. These scholarships could cover such costs as the registration fee, travel, accommodation, and a daily allowance. All such arrangements will be made by the institute.
11. The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter "the Secretariat") expects to be able to sponsor the participation of a limited number of staff members by covering the cost of registration only, at a discounted group rate.
12. The Secretariat encourages delegations and their foreign ministries to promote the summer programme and to consider sponsoring the participation of outstanding national applicants who have demonstrated an interest in disarmament and non-proliferation, and who can be expected to make a significant professional contribution in this area.

13. Participants are requested to obtain any necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to the Netherlands. When applying for visas, they should present the Embassy or Consulate of the Netherlands with a copy of the acceptance letter from the T.M.C. Asser Institute. Participants are required to approach the Embassy or Consulate of the Netherlands immediately after receiving their acceptance letter.
14. All activities during the programme will be conducted in English. Participants are therefore expected to have a good oral and written command of this language.
15. The application form is downloadable from the T.M.C. Asser Institute website at [www.asser.nl/wmd](http://www.asser.nl/wmd), which is also accessible through the OPCW website at [www.opcw.org](http://www.opcw.org). Interested applicants should submit the form directly to the institute **no later than Friday, 13 July 2012**.
16. Additional information about the summer programme may be obtained from the OPCW Media and Public Affairs Branch, External Relations Division. The contact person is Mr Michael Luhan, who can be reached at +31 (0)70 416 3710, and by e-mail at [michael.luhan@opcw.org](mailto:michael.luhan@opcw.org).

Annex:

Third Summer Programme on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction in a Changing World, The Hague, the Netherlands, 3 – 7 September 2012: Provisional Programme

**Annex**

**THIRD SUMMER PROGRAMME ON DISARMAMENT AND  
NON-PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION  
IN A CHANGING WORLD  
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3 – 7 SEPTEMBER 2012**

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b><i>Sunday, 2 September 2012</i></b>	
<b>Welcome</b>	
16:00 – 17:00	Overview of The Hague as an international city of peace, justice, and security: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head, Department of International Affairs, City of The Hague</li> <li>• General Director of the T.M.C. Asser Institute</li> <li>• United States Ambassador to the OPCW</li> <li>• Director, Office of Special Projects, OPCW</li> </ul>
17:00	Reception at The Hague Municipality
<b><i>Monday, 3 September 2012</i></b>	
<b>Overview on WMDs</b>	
09:00 – 10:00	Historical use and impact of WMDs
10:00 – 12:00	Scientific and technological aspects of WMDs, and challenges posed by the convergence of chemistry and biology
12:00 – 13:00	WMDs and public health
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:00	International law and the use of force
15:15 – 17:00	Distinguishing aspects of WMD diplomacy (high-level panel)
19:00	<i>Opening dinner (Restaurant Dekxels)</i>
<b><i>Tuesday, 4 September 2012</i></b>	
<b>Disarmament and the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons</b>	
09:00 – 09:30	Introduction to the subject of nuclear weapons
09:30 – 11:00	Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Treaty and other regulations</li> <li>• The CTBTO</li> <li>• Current challenges and policy issues</li> </ul>
11:15 – 12:45	Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Treaty and other regulations</li> <li>• The IAEA</li> <li>• Current challenges and policy issues</li> </ul>
12:45 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening verification: the FMCT</li> <li>• Conference on Disarmament: Will it survive?</li> </ul>
15:45 – 17:00	Conference on a WMD-Free Zone in the Middle East: A status report
Evening	Open

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>Wednesday, 5 September 2012</b>	
<b>Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Chemical and Biological Weapons</b>	
09:00 – 09:30	Introduction to the subject of chemical weapons
09:30 – 10:15	The CWC <sup>1</sup> : Overview and achievements
10:15 – 11:00	The OPCW: Compliance with the CWC and its verification regime
11:15 – 12:30	The OPCW: National implementing measures
12:30 – 13:30	Current challenges and policy issues (high-level panel)
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Brown-bag lunch (includes an interactive presentation on careers and job-seeking in WMD organisations)</i>
14:30 – 17:30	Biological weapons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to biological weapons</li> <li>• Treaties, regulations, and codes of conduct</li> <li>• The BWC Implementation Support Unit</li> <li>• The Seventh Review Conference of the BTWC</li> <li>• Current challenges and policy issues</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, 6 September 2012</b>	
<b>Field Visits to WMD Treaty-Related Facilities and Related Activities</b>	
08:00 – 12:30	Participants can choose to participate in one of two morning field visits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To the OPCW Equipment Store in Rijswijk, which will be followed by a trip to an inspectable chemical plant in Rotterdam</li> <li>• To the Delft University of Technology, to learn about the nuclear research reactor</li> </ul>
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:30	The entire group participates in one afternoon field visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live exercise for an investigation of alleged use of CBRN, staged at a military training facility</li> </ul>
16:00 – 17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The group reports back on the morning field visits</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
Evening	Open
<b>Friday, 7 September 2012</b>	
<b>Multi-Stakeholder Approaches to WMD Diplomacy and WMD Terrorist Threats</b>	
09:00 – 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Global efforts and international organisations addressing the threat of WMD use by terrorists (UNSC<sup>2</sup> Resolution 1540, CTITF<sup>3</sup>, Crisis Communication Group, etc.)</li> <li>• Promoting a CBRN security culture</li> </ul>
10:45 – 11:45	Export control regimes
12:00 – 13:00	The investigative mechanism of the UNSG <sup>4</sup>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
16:00 – 17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programme summary and evaluation</li> <li>• Open discussion with participants</li> </ul>
17:30	Closing reception at the Headquarters building of the Secretariat

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<sup>1</sup> CWC = Chemical Weapons Convention

<sup>2</sup> UNSC = United Nations Security Council

<sup>3</sup> CTITF = Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (of the United Nations)

<sup>4</sup> UNSG = United Nations Secretary-General