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**NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT****CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD**

1. The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) wishes to inform States Parties that three members of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) will complete their second term by 17 August 2012, and one, by 30 November 2012. The list of those SAB members whose terms of office are due to finish in 2012 appears in Annex 1 to this Note.
2. In light of the above, the Secretariat invites States Parties to nominate one or more qualified experts, to be appointed by the Director-General after a selection process, to serve on the SAB. The terms of reference of the SAB, which are annexed to a decision of the Conference of the States Parties at its Second Session (C-II/DEC.10/Rev.1, dated 2 December 2004), stipulate in paragraph 6 that “[t]he term of office of members of the Board shall be three years. A Board member may serve for two consecutive terms”.
3. With reference to paragraph 4 of the aforementioned terms of reference, nominees to be proposed should be eminent persons active at such institutions as research institutions, universities, chemical-industry companies, and defence and military organisations, who will be selected on the basis of their expertise in one or more of the particular scientific fields relevant to the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”). Paragraph 4 further stipulates that “preference shall be given to persons who are knowledgeable about the relevant scientific and technological developments, and who are familiar with the implementation of the Convention. Efforts shall be made to maintain a balance between the areas of research, development and applications”.
4. Nominees should be proposed on the basis of their qualifications and experience, with States Parties taking into account their publications, scientific, academic or professional activities, distinctions, and international experience.
5. When selecting candidates for nomination, States Parties should also take into consideration the fact that science and technology are advancing rapidly in areas that are relevant to the Convention. Accordingly, and with reference to paragraph 4 of EC-38/DG.18, dated 16 September 2004, States Parties may wish to nominate candidates with backgrounds in areas of emerging or increasing relevance to the implementation of the Convention, such as practical applications in the chemical



industry, life-sciences disciplines, and information technology. It would also be useful if nominees were familiar with the implementation of the Convention.

6. Nominees should be ready to make substantive contributions at SAB meetings, during the inter-sessional periods, and at other relevant science-and-technology events. The Director-General intends to make the selection process more robust, by requesting each nominee to submit a written statement describing how he/she intends to have a substantial impact on the work of the SAB and the OPCW.
7. The Secretariat requests States Parties to submit nominations, using the attached nomination form (Annex 2), **by 1 June 2012**. The form should be accompanied by the curriculum vitae of the nominee and by the written statement (up to 500 words) mentioned in paragraph 6 above.

Annexes:

Annex 1: List of SAB Members Whose Terms of Office Are Due To Finish in 2012

Annex 2 (English only): Nomination Form

**Annex 1**

**LIST OF SAB MEMBERS WHOSE  
TERMS OF OFFICE ARE DUE TO FINISH IN 2012**

<b>Name</b>	<b>State Party</b>	<b>Date of End of Term of Office</b>
Mahdi Balali-Mood	Iran	17 August 2012
José Luz González Chávez	Mexico	17 August 2012
Philip Coleman	South Africa	17 August 2012
Robin Black	United Kingdom	30 November 2012

**Annex 2**

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**NOMINATION FORM**

Please submit the completed form, together with the nominee's curriculum vitae and a statement by the nominee of how he/she intends to have a substantive impact on the work of the SAB and the OPCW, **by 1 June 2012** to:

The Secretary, Scientific Advisory Board  
OPCW, Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands  
Fax: +31 (0)70 306 3535; e-mail: [stian.holen@opcw.org](mailto:stian.holen@opcw.org)

**Please type or use BLOCK LETTERS.**

1.	Title	
2.	Family name <sup>1</sup>	
3.	First name(s)	
4.	Date of birth	Day                      Month                      Year
5.	Citizenship	
6.	Gender	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Relevant areas of expertise <sup>2</sup> and how these would support the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention	
8.	Work/roles similar to those of a Scientific Advisory Board member that the nominee has successfully undertaken previously <sup>3</sup>	
9.	Employer	
10.	Position	
11.	Contact address	
12.	E-mail address	
13.	Telephone numbers, including country and city codes	Work:
		Mobile:
14.	Fax number, including country and city codes	Work:

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<sup>1</sup> Please give the first and family names exactly as they appear in the nominee's passport.  
<sup>2</sup> See paragraphs 3 through 5 above.  
<sup>3</sup> See paragraph 6 above. The nominee should be prepared to provide contact details of referees from such work.