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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR A REGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR STATES PARTIES
IN ASIA ON ARTICLE X AND ISSUES OF REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THE AREA
OF ASSISTANCE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE
DOHA REGIONAL CENTRE FOR CBRN TRAINING
DOHA, QATAR
5 – 7 NOVEMBER 2013**

1. On behalf of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and the Government of Qatar, the Director-General wishes to invite States Parties in the Asian region to submit nominations for a regional workshop on Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) and issues of regional cooperation in the area of assistance and emergency response, to be held from 5 to 7 November 2013 at the Doha Regional Centre for CBRN¹ Training, in Doha, Qatar. The regional workshop will be conducted under the European Union Council Decision 2011 in support of the OPCW programme to strengthen cooperation with Africa on the Convention.
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 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) regional approaches to assistance and protection, including the train-the-trainer approach; and
 - (d) challenges and new opportunities in the field of assistance and protection against chemical weapons and other toxic chemicals.
3. The workshop is intended to foster discussion and analysis of several assistance- and protection-related issues, with special focus on areas such as the rights and obligations of States Parties under Article X of the Convention, submissions of declarations of protective programmes, and the analysis of weaknesses and problem areas. It will

¹ CBRN = chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear



also provide an overview of assistance and protection activities in the region. Participants will give presentations in order to share experiences, lessons learned, and ideas in the field of assistance and protection and emergency response against threats related to misuse of toxic chemicals.

4. The Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor the attendance at the workshop of a limited number of participants from States Parties of the Asian regional group. 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.
5. When making travel arrangements for sponsored participants, the Secretariat will seek the most economical options. Participants are expected to arrive no earlier than Monday, 4 November 2013, and to depart no later than Friday, 8 November 2013. 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.
6. 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 and emergency response in case of incidents involving toxic chemicals.
7. Participants are requested to obtain all necessary visas, including transit visas, before travelling to Qatar.
8. Interested applicants are invited to complete the online nomination form by using the following link: <http://www.opcw.org/our-work/assistance-and-protection/nomination-forms/call-for-nominations-for-a-regional-workshop-for-states-parties-in-asia/> Please note that response to all the required questions (with *) needs to be provided in order for the candidate to be eligible to apply for this event. All materials must be received by the Secretariat no later than 31 July 2013. Please be advised that participants must present an OPCW acceptance letter in order to register for the workshop.
9. 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.

10. 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 (APB) of the ICA. The contact persons are Ms Ditta Ciganikova, who can be reached at +31 (0)70 416 3261 and Ms Olesea Becu, who can be reached at +31 (0)70 416 3593.

Annexes:

Annex 1: Provisional Programme

ANNEX 1

**REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON ARTICLE X AND ISSUES OF REGIONAL
COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF ASSISTANCE AND EMERGENCY
RESPONSE DOHA, QATAR, 5 - 7 NOVEMBER 2013**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time	Activity
Monday, 4 November 2013	
	Arrival of participants
Tuesday, 5 November 2013	
8:30 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:30	Opening ceremony and Group photo
9:30 – 9:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
9:45 – 10:30	Presentation: the Convention and the implementation of Article X Plans for 2013 and beyond (CR)
10:30 – 11:15	Presentation: National protection programmes and the relevant decision of the Conference of States Parties (DC)
11:15 – 12:00	Presentation: TS preparedness for respond in case of a request of assistance Offers of Assistance under paragraph 7 of Article X: contributions to voluntary fund, bilateral agreements and offers of assistance (DC)
12:00 – 12:30	<i>Coffee and pray break</i>
12:30 – 12:50	Presentation: The databank on assistance and protection (CR)
12:50 – 13:30	Discussion: Declarations on national protection programmes
13:30 – 14:15	Discussion: OPCW (TS+MS) preparedness to respond to a request of assistance
14:15	<i>Lunch</i>
Wednesday, 6 November 2013	
8:00 – 8:45	Presentations: How to determine the elements of a chemical response plan (JB)
8:45 – 9:30	Discussion: Elements of chemical response plan
9:30 – 9:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
9:45 – 12:00	Presentations: National Presentations on national protective programmes
12:00 – 12:30	<i>Coffee and pray break</i>
12:30 - 13:00	Presentation, Qatari NCPW
13:00 – 14:00	Presentation: Overview of projects run by International Cooperation and Assistance Division in the region (CR)
14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
Thursday, 7 November 2013	
9:00 – 9:30	Presentations: APB training evaluation (CR)
9:30 – 10:45	Discussion : APB projects and programmes – impact, evaluation, tracking of participants, train of trainers
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 12:15	Discussion: The future projects for implementation of Article X in Asia
12:15 – 12:45	Closing Ceremony
12:45 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00	Departure of participants