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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON EMERGENCY
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF CHEMICAL INCIDENTS OR ATTACKS
KYIV, UKRAINE
20 – 24 MAY 2013**

1. On behalf of the Government of Ukraine and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Director-General wishes to invite Member States to nominate participants for a course on emergency medical assistance to victims of chemical incidents or attacks, including chemical-warfare agents, which will be held in Kyiv, Ukraine, from 20 to 24 May 2013.
2. The course is related to assistance and protection against chemical weapons under Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”), and will be jointly organised by the Government of Ukraine and the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) at the Ukrainian Scientific and Practical Centre of Emergency Medical and Disaster Medicine, P.L. Shupyk National Medical Academy of Postgraduate Education.
3. The course has been designed primarily for specialised medical doctors and paramedics, representatives of emergency services, and scene commanding officers involved in the mitigation of the consequences of chemical incidents; applicants from institutions that deal with disaster medicine will also be considered. The course will be particularly valuable for professionals and managers who work in the field of medical countermeasures to chemical emergencies, and who have a background in the medical aspects of emergency response to incidents involving chemical weapons and other toxic chemicals.
4. The participants will be provided with an overview of the nature of chemical-warfare agents and other toxic chemicals and their effects. The course will enable medical personnel to gain an understanding of the problems that they may encounter if they participate in national or international responses to incidents involving chemical weapons, including medical countermeasures in the event of a chemical attack during a mass-gathering event.
5. The course, which will include both theoretical lectures and a field exercise focused on the mitigation of chemical incidents, will facilitate the exchange of information and experiences regarding assistance and protection under Article X of the Convention. The provisional programme for the course is included as Annex 1 to this Note.



6. Given the purpose of the course and its medical focus and technical nature, candidates will be carefully selected and should have a background in the emergency medicine, toxicology or chemistry associated with protection against chemical weapons and other toxic chemicals. They should belong to national emergency-response agencies and other institutions involved in dealing with chemical-related incidents. In addition, participants should be physically fit and able to wear individual protective gear during the practical sessions.
7. All activities during the course will be conducted in English. No interpretation services of any kind will be provided. Participants are therefore expected to have a good command of the English language, both written and oral.
8. Participants are requested to obtain all necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to Ukraine.
9. 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, medical insurance, accommodation and meals, and will provide a limited subsistence allowance to cover sundry expenses. The course materials and equipment will be provided by the Ukrainian side at no cost to the participants. Further details regarding accommodation, the course venue, and transport will be issued to all confirmed participants at a later date.
10. 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, 19 May 2013**, and to depart **no later than Saturday, 25 May 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 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.
11. 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 including an email address. Completed forms should be sent, along with endorsement information from the National Authority or their Permanent Representation and 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. In this case, the subject line of the e-mail should contain the words "Ukraine medical training". All materials must be received **no later than 25 March 2013**. Please be advised that participants must present an OPCW acceptance letter in order to be able to register for the course.

12. Additional information may be obtained from the Assistance and Protection Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division:

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Annexes:

Annex 1: Provisional Programme
Annex 2: Nomination Form

Annex 1

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time	Activity
<i>Sunday, 19 May 2013</i>	
	Arrival of participants
<i>Monday, 20 May 2013</i>	
09:00 – 09:45	Opening ceremony
	Opening session: Introduction to the course, course programme, group photo
09:45 – 10:30	Lecture: History of chemical incidents and chemical warfare
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00 – 12:30	Lecture: The Chemical Weapons Convention; assistance and protection under Article X
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:45	Effects on health caused by chemical accidents and warfare agents
14:45 – 15:30	Lecture: Detection and monitoring of toxic chemicals, including chemical-warfare agents
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
16:00 – 17:00	Lecture: Contamination control; comparative analysis of NBC ¹ agents
<i>Tuesday, 21 May 2013</i>	
09:00 – 09:45	Lecture: Principles of protection against toxic chemicals
09:45 – 10:30	Lecture: Pathology and acute effects of mustard gas
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00 – 11:45	Lecture: Principles of treatment of other common toxic chemicals and chemical-warfare agents; comparative analysis of NBC agents
11:45 – 12:30	Lecture: Principles of emergency medical response after chemical disaster in a hospital; comparative analysis of NBC agents
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:30	Lecture: Emergency medical assistance during mass toxicological incident (MToxI); comparative analysis of NBC agents
14:30 – 15:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
15:00 – 16:00	Lecture: Management of mass casualties from chemical incidents and attacks; comparative analysis of NBC agents
16:00 – 17:00	Lecture: Health-monitoring system for chemical hazards
<i>Wednesday, 22 May 2013</i>	
09:00 – 10:00	Practical session: Principles of decontamination
10:00 – 11:00	Practical session: The preparation of medical facilities for chemical hazards. Emergency medical aid after an incident with toxic chemicals
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:30 – 12:30	Practical session: Table-top exercise. Preparation for field exercise
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 18:30	Sightseeing tour of Kyiv

¹

NBC = nuclear, biological, and chemical

Time	Activity
<i>Thursday, 23 May 2013</i>	
09:00 – 12:30	Field exercise: Emergency medical assistance (pre-hospital field-level response)
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:00	Practical training: Emergency medical assistance (hospital emergency department preparation and response)
15:00 – 17:00	Post-exercise debriefing
<i>Friday, 24 May 2013</i>	
09:00 – 10:00	Presentation: Emergency medical services agency
10:00 – 11:00	Presentations by participants
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:30 – 12:00	Group work
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:30	Group work
14:30 – 15:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Post-course evaluation
15:30 – 16:30	Course assessment, review of course materials
	Presentation of certificate, followed by closing ceremony
<i>Saturday, 25 May 2013</i>	
	Departure of participants

Annex 2

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NOMINATION FORM

Please submit the completed form so that it is received **not later than 25 March 2013** to:
The Director, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW
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.	Family name of nominee*	
2.	First name(s)*	
3.	Date of birth	Day Month Year
4.	Citizenship	
5.	Gender**	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
6.	Passport number	
7.	Date of issue	Day Month Year
8.	Expiry date	Day Month Year
9.	Place of issue	
10.	Areas of expertise	
11.	Employer	
12.	Position	
13.	Contact address (please do not give a post-office box number)	Street
		Number Post code
		City
		Country
14.	E-mail address	
15.	Airport of departure	
16.	Telephone numbers, including country and city codes	Home
		Work
		Mobile
17.	Fax numbers, including country and city codes	Home
		Work
18.	Has the nominee previously attended an OPCW basic assistance- and-protection course	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If so, when and where?
19.	Is sponsorship a condition of participation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

* Please give the family name and the first name exactly as they appear in the nominee's passport.
** For this and all like items below, please tick the appropriate box.