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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

**INVITATION TO APPLY FOR THE SEOUL WORKSHOP
ON THE PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF CHEMISTRY
FOR MEMBER STATES OF THE OPCW IN THE ASIAN REGION
SEOUL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA
25 – 27 JUNE 2013**

1. On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Director-General is pleased to invite National Authorities and/or governmental representatives responsible for chemical-safety and chemical-security management, representatives from chemical-industry associations, and managers involved in chemical-industry safety and security and in Responsible Care® to submit applications for a workshop for Member States of the OPCW in the Asian region on peaceful development and use of chemistry, to be held in Seoul, the Republic of Korea, from 25 to 27 June 2013.
2. The workshop is being organised in order to further promote international-cooperation programmes that focus on chemical-industry outreach and industry-related aspects of the implementation of Article XI of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”). The aim of this workshop is to enhance communication among the relevant stakeholders in the region, with a particular focus on small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) and industry associations working with SMEs. The overall goal is to promote the use of chemistry related to the Convention and to enhance the national capacities in the regional development, based on experiences of chemical technology and industrial development of the Republic of Korea. By promoting and disseminating standardised and best practices in chemical safety, the workshop will benefit chemical-industry personnel who are involved in safety-and-security management issues, enhance the capacities of National Authorities and chemical-industry associations in Asian Member States, and indirectly benefit the general public as a whole.
3. The objectives of the workshop include the following:
 - (a) to provide an opportunity for participating States Parties to consider and discuss specific chemical safety-and-security management issues related to chemical processes that have a direct bearing on the effective implementation of the Convention;
 - (b) to contribute to the sharing of information and the exchange of experiences on the practical management programmes;



- (c) to review best practices in regard to the safety-and-security management of chemicals and to generate, through interactions and discussions, recommendations on the structure for future standardised workshops to promote these practices in small and medium-sized enterprises in Asian countries.
 - (d) to foster wider cooperation between States Parties on issues related to the chemical industry in order that the objectives of Article XI of the Convention of promoting the peaceful uses of chemistry can be achieved; and
 - (e) to enhance and promote the safe handling of chemicals at the national level.
- 4. This workshop will allow ample time for question-and-answer sessions, and will include theoretical and practical components. The workshop topics will include an overview of international-cooperation programmes, of the Convention, and of the OPCW. During the workshop, participants will be provided with updated information on, inter alia, current practices and concepts relating to the management of chemical processes, the history of the subject, modern safety strategies, as well as current trends in safety-and-security management in the chemical industry; chemical site security management and safety and security culture. The best practices from the chemical industry will also be presented. Leading experts in chemical-safety management will give presentations and facilitate the discussions. To complement the considerable amount of theoretical knowledge that will be presented, an optional site visit will take place on the final day as a means of providing the participants with concrete experience as to how chemical-safety-and-security management is handled in the Republic of Korea.
- 5. The following issues will be discussed:
 - (a) the global and regional contexts in which the management of chemicals takes place;
 - (b) the theoretical foundations underpinning chemical safety-and-security management;
 - (c) safety-and-security management practices: examples from individual companies; and
 - (d) the importance of promoting a strong organisational culture in the effective management of chemical industry.
- 6. Workshop participants will be expected to prepare brief presentations on current safety-and-security management practices based on their experience, including suggestions and concerns for improving the safety-management culture in their respective countries or in the companies for which they work.
- 7. The Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor a limited number of participants. Applications from Member States from their chemical industry associations and SMEs should be forwarded through their respective National Authorities. For sponsored participants, the Secretariat will cover the costs of travel, meals, and medical insurance, and will provide a limited subsistence allowance to cover sundry expenses. The Secretariat will also arrange and pay for accommodation for sponsored

participants. A letter with the detailed programme will be sent to all the sponsored/registered participants.

8. Applications from Member States should be forwarded through their respective National Authorities. Each application should specify whether sponsorship is a condition of the participation of the nominee. Member States are welcome to nominate participants for whom sponsorship is not required. The Secretariat strongly encourages applications from qualified female candidates.
9. When making travel arrangements for sponsored participants, the Secretariat will seek the most economical options. It will purchase tickets and send them to participants. 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, participants are expected to arrive **no earlier than Monday, 24 June 2013** and to depart **no later than Friday, 28 June 2013**. The agreement of the Secretariat is required for any changes to the arrival and departure dates. The Secretariat will not cover expenses unrelated to the workshop or that result from changes to travel arrangements that it has not authorised. Sponsored participants shall bear all costs resulting from changes they make, including cancellations, once the Secretariat has purchased tickets. Participants who have not been sponsored are requested to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.
10. Participants are requested to obtain any necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to the workshop. When applying for an entry visa, they should present the Embassy or Consulate of the Republic of Korea with a copy of the acceptance letter from the OPCW.
11. The workshop will be conducted entirely in English; all participants are therefore expected to have a good written and oral command of the language.
12. Interested National Authorities are invited to complete the nomination form that is included as Annex 2 to this Note, making sure to provide all the contact details requested, in particular an e-mail address or a fax number. The completed form, together with a curriculum vitae and a recommendation from the National Authority of the applicant's country, should be posted to the Head, International Cooperation Branch, OPCW, Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands, or faxed to +31 (0)70 416 3279, or sent via e-mail at icb@opcw.org. All applications must be received by the Secretariat **no later than 3 May 2013**.
13. Additional information about the workshop may be obtained from the International Cooperation Branch in the International Cooperation and Assistance Division of the OPCW. The OPCW contact persons for the workshop are Ms Natalia Gordienko, who can be reached at +31 (0)70 416 3260, and Mr Patrick Häggman, who can be reached at +31 (0)70 416 3274.

Annexes:

- Annex 1: Provisional Programme
Annex 2: Nomination Form

Annex 1

**SEOUL WORKSHOP ON THE PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF
CHEMISTRY FOR MEMBER STATES OF THE OPCW IN THE ASIAN REGION
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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time	Activity
Tuesday, 25 June 2013	
08:30 – 09:15	Registration
09:15 – 09:45	Welcome address
10:30 – 10:45	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
First session: Introduction to the chemical industry of the Republic of Korea and to the CWC¹	
10:00 – 11:00	Growth and development of the chemical industry in the Republic of Korea
11:00 – 11:30	The CWC and peaceful use of chemistry in the Republic of Korea
11:30 – 12:00	Prospect and challenges – the chemical industry in the Asian Region
12:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
Second session: Chemical-safety-and-security management issues in the Asian region	
14:00 – 14:30	Introduction of the agenda and objectives of the workshop
14:30 – 15:30	Performance-based management – chemical safety and security
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
16:00 – 17:30	Round-table discussion on safety and security issues in chemical industry in the region: interventions by participants (3 to 5 minutes each)
18:00 – 20:00	Welcome dinner
Wednesday, 26 June 2013	
Third session: Introduction to the system of chemical safety management of the Republic of Korea	
09:00 – 10:00	The chemical safety management system in the Republic of Korea
10:00 – 10:45	Best practices – Examples from selected chemical industries in the Republic of Korea
10:45 – 11:15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:15 – 12:00	Best practices – Examples from selected chemical industries in the Republic of Korea (continued)
12:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
Fourth session: Chemical-safety-and-security management issues and best practices	
14:00 – 15:00	Responsible Care® activities in small and medium-sized enterprises
15:00 – 16:00	Discussions on the way forward and recommendations
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
Final session	
16:30 – 17:00	Wrap-up discussion and closure
Thursday, 27 June 2013	
09:00 – 18:00	Site visit to local chemical industry with presentation on chemical-safety-and-security management at the plant

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CWC = Chemical Weapons Convention

Annex 2

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NOMINATION FORM

Please submit the completed form by **3 May 2013** to:
The Head, International Cooperation Branch, OPCW
Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands
Fax: +31 (0)70 416 3279; e-mail: icb@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 (please attach the applicant's curriculum vitae and the title of the planned presentation (including a one-paragraph abstract))	
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.	Telephone numbers, including country and city codes	Home
		Work
		Mobile
16.	Fax numbers, including country and city codes	Home
		Work
17.	Is sponsorship a condition of participation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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