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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE FOURTH SUMMER PROGRAMME
ON DISARMAMENT AND NON-PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS
DESTRUCTION IN A CHANGING WORLD
THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS
2 – 6 SEPTEMBER 2013**

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 “Fourth 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 2 to 6 September 2013.
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 and mid-level 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 WMDs;
 - (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, the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, the Fissile



Materials Cut-off Treaty, the proposed WMD-Free Zone in the Middle East, and chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) preparedness.

5. In its first three 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 (BWC) 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 2013.
6. Class work during the 2013 summer programme 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 2013 summer programme is annexed to this Note.
8. The registration fee for this year's summer programme is EUR 1,495.
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 organizations, 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 2013 programme. These scholarships could cover the costs of the registration fee, travel, accommodation, and a daily allowance. All such arrangements will be made by the institute.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.

14. The application form is downloadable from the T.M.C. Asser Institute website at <http://www.asser.nl/events.aspx?id=345>, which is also accessible through the OPCW website at www.opcw.org. Interested applicants should submit the form directly to the institute **no later than Friday, 19 July 2013**.
15. 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.

Annex:

Fourth Summer Programme on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction in a Changing World, The Hague, the Netherlands, 2 – 6 September 2013: Provisional Programme

Annex

**FOURTH SUMMER PROGRAMME ON DISARMAMENT
AND NON-PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION
IN A CHANGING WORLD
THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS
2 – 6 SEPTEMBER 2013**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time	Activity
<i>Sunday, 1 September 2013</i>	
Welcome	
16:00 – 17:00	Overview of The Hague as an international city of peace, justice, and security
17:00	Reception
<i>Monday, 2 September 2013</i>	
Overview on WMDs	
09:00 – 10:00	Historical use and impact
10:00 – 12:00	Scientific and technological aspects of WMDs, and challenges posed by the convergence of chemistry and biology
12:00 – 13:00	The legacy of WMDs and the environment
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
19:00	Opening dinner
<i>Tuesday, 3 September 2013</i>	
Disarmament and the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons	
09:00 – 09:30	Introduction to nuclear weapons
09:30 – 11:00	Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Treaty and other regulations • The CTBTO¹ • Current challenges and policy issues
11:15 – 12:45	Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Treaty and other regulations • The IAEA² • Current challenges and policy issues
12:45 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening verification: The Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty • Conference on Disarmament: Will it survive?
15:45 – 17:00	Conference on a WMD-free zone in the Middle East: A status report
Evening	Open
<i>Wednesday, 4 September 2013</i>	
Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Chemical and Biological Weapons	
09:00 – 09:30	Introduction to chemical weapons
09:30 – 10:15	The Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC): Overview and achievements
10:15 – 11:00	The OPCW: Compliance with the Treaty and its verification regime
11:15 – 12:30	The OPCW: National implementing measures

¹ CTBTO = Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty Organization

² IAEA = International Atomic Energy Agency

Time	Activity
Wednesday, 4 September 2013 (continued)	
12:30 – 13:30	Current challenges and policy issues (high-level panel) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The OPCW's role in investigations of alleged use of chemical weapons • Outcomes of the Third Review Conference
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Brown-bag lunch with interactive presentation on careers and job-seeking in WMD organisations</i>
14:30 – 17:30	Biological weapons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to biological weapons • Treaties, regulations, and codes of conduct • The BWC Implementation Support Unit • The Seventh Review Conference of the BWC • Current challenges and policy issues
Thursday, 5 September 2013	
Field Visits to WMD Treaty-Related Facilities and Activities*	
08:00 – 12:30	Participants choose to participate in one of two morning field visits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The OPCW Equipment Store in Rijswijk, followed by a trip to an inspectable chemical plant in Rotterdam • Delft University of Technology: nuclear research reactor
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:30	The whole group participates in one afternoon field visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live exercise for an investigation of alleged use of WMD, staged at a military training facility
16:00 – 17:30	Group report-back on morning field visits; discussion
Evening	Open
Friday, 6 September 2013	
Multi-Stakeholder Approaches to WMD Diplomacy and WMD Terrorist Threats*	
09:00 – 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global efforts and international organisations addressing the threat of WMD use by terrorists (UNSC³ Resolution 1540 (2004), CTITF⁴, Crisis Communication, etc.) • Promoting a CBRN security culture
10:45 – 11:45	Export control regimes
12:00 – 13:00	The investigative mechanism of the UNSG ⁵
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 16:00	Engaging civil society in WMD issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CWC Coalition • BioWeapons Prevention Project • Pax Christi • VERTIC
16:00 – 17:00	Programme summary and evaluation Open discussion with participants
17:30	Closing reception at the Headquarters building of the Secretariat

* These two day-long sessions of the Summer Programme will be attended by a group of 25 United Nations Fellows, sponsored by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs.

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³ UNSC = United Nations Security Council

⁴ CTITF = Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force

⁵ UNSG = United Nations Secretary-General