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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE FIFTH SUMMER PROGRAMME ON DISARMAMENT AND NON-PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION IN A CHANGING WORLD THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS 1 – 5 SEPTEMBER 2014

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 “Fifth 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 1 to 5 September 2014.
2. Jointly developed by the OPCW and the T.M.C. Asser Institute, the summer programme was successfully launched in 2010. The programme provides 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 this year’s 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 New START Treaty, the scientific and technical aspects of weapons of mass destruction, and chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) preparedness. There will also be special sessions on the OPCW-UN Joint Mission to destroy Syria's chemical weapons programme, and on the outcomes of the Third Nuclear Security Summit held this year in The Hague.

5. The summer programme's inter-disciplinary content is 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 have been well received by participants and will be continued in 2014.
6. Class work during the 2014 summer programme will be supplemented by visits to the OPCW Laboratory and Equipment Store, and to 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 2014 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 organisations, and in promoting participation by OPCW stakeholders.
10. The T.M.C. Asser Institute has received resources to provide scholarships for five outstanding applicants from developing countries or countries with economies in transition who wish to participate in the 2014 programme. Eligible applicants should apply directly to the T.M.C. Asser Institute for the scholarships. The 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=414&site_id=1, 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, 18 July 2014**.
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:

Fifth Summer Programme on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction in a Changing World, The Hague, the Netherlands, 1 to 5 September 2014: Provisional Programme

Annex

**FIFTH SUMMER PROGRAMME ON DISARMAMENT AND
NON-PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION
IN A CHANGING WORLD
THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS
1 – 5 SEPTEMBER 2014**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Sunday, 31 August 2014: Welcome		
17.00 – 18.00	Welcome and reception	Restaurant Gember

Monday, 1 September 2014: Overview of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMDs)		
09.00	Opening: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the Summer Programme • Introduction round of the participants 	
09.30 – 10.30	WMDs from a geopolitical perspective	
10.30 – 10.45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10.45 – 12.00	International law and the use of force	
12.00 – 13.15	The role of the EU in disarmament and non-proliferation of WMDs	
13.15 – 14.15	<i>Lunch</i>	
14.15 – 16.00	Towards a WMD-free world: The role of diplomacy	
16.00 – 16.15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16.15 – 17.00	Scientific and technological aspects of nuclear weapons	
18.30	<i>Opening dinner</i>	

Tuesday, 2 September 2014: Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons		
09.00 – 10.45	Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Treaty and other regulations • The IAEA¹ • Current nuclear governance challenges • The NPT² Review Conference 2015 	
10.45 – 11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.00 – 12.15	New START ³ : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treaty structure • Verification regime • Strengths and weaknesses 	
12.15 – 13.00	Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Treaty and other regulations • The CTBTO⁴ 	
13.00 – 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14.00 – 14.45	Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty: Current challenges and policy issues	
15.00 – 16.00	The importance of a Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty for nuclear disarmament	
16.00 – 16.15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16.15 – 17.30	Nuclear Security Summit revisited: What has it achieved?	

Wednesday, 3 September 2014: Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Chemical and Biological Weapons		
09.00 – 09.45	Part I: Scientific and technological aspects of chemical and biological weapons	
10.00 – 10.45	The OPCW: Compliance and verification regime	
10.45 – 11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.00 – 11.45	The OPCW: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National implementation measures • Capacity building measures with National Authorities 	
11.45 – 12.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
12.00 – 12.45	The future of the OPCW: Beyond the Third Review Conference	
12.45 – 14.00	<i>Brown-bag lunch: Professional opportunities in the sphere of WMDs</i>	

¹ IAEA = International Atomic Energy Agency
² NPT = Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
³ START = Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty
⁴ CTBTO = Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty Organization

14.00 – 16.30 (incl. coffee break)	Biological weapons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treaties, regulations, codes of conduct • Implementation Support Unit intersessional meetings • Current challenges and policy issues 	
16.30 – 17.30	Biosecurity in the context of WMDs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a policy on biosecurity: Code of conduct • The role of civil of society and industry • Health and security concerns • Current challenges 	

Thursday, 4 September 2014: Field Visits to WMD Treaty-Related Facilities		
08.30 – 11.45 (incl. travel time)	Participants choose to participate in one of two visits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demo of OPCW industrial inspection equipment in Rijswijk • Visit to Delft University of Technology nuclear research reactor 	
11.45 – 12.45	<i>Lunch (in bus)</i>	
13.00 – 15.45 (incl. travel time)	Visit to the Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research (TNO): live exercise of an investigation of alleged use of WMD	
15.45	Travel to T.M.C. Asser Institute	
16.30 – 17.30	Export control regimes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuclear suppliers group • Zangger Committee • Missile Technology Control Regime • Wassenaar Arrangement • Australia Group 	

Friday, 5 September 2014: Multi-stakeholder approaches to WMD diplomacy and current challenges		
09.00 – 10.30	The destruction and removal of chemical weapons in Syria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal aspects • Practical aspects • Progress so far 	
10.30 – 10.45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10.45 – 12.00	The convergence of biology and chemistry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities and challenges posed for the existing treaty regimes • Scientific Advisory Board Temporary Working Group 	
12.00 – 13.00	<i>Lunch</i>	

13.15 – 14.30	The legacy of WMDs and the environment	
14.30 – 15.45	Engaging academia and civil society in WMD disarmament and non-proliferation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bio Weapons Prevention Project• Harvard Sussex Program• Vertic• Green Cross International	
16.00 – 16.30	Programme summary and evaluation – Open session	
17.00	Closing reception at the OPCW Technical Secretariat	

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