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### NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

#### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

1. The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) wishes to inform States Parties that six members of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) will complete their second term in 2015. The list of those SAB members whose terms of office are due to finish in 2015 appears in Annex 1 to this Note. A further four members will be completing their first term in 2015.
2. In the light of the above, the Secretariat invites States Parties to nominate one or more experts, to be appointed by the Director-General after a selection process, to serve on the SAB. The terms of reference of the SAB, which are annexed to a decision of the Conference of the States Parties at its Second Session (C-II/DEC.10/Rev.1, dated 2 December 2004), stipulate in paragraph 6 that “[t]he term of office of members of the Board shall be three years. A Board member may serve for two consecutive terms”.
3. With reference to paragraph 4 of the aforementioned terms of reference, nominees to be proposed should be eminent persons active at such institutions as research institutions, universities, chemical-industry companies, and defence and military organisations, who will be selected on the basis of their expertise in one or more of the particular scientific fields relevant to the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”). Paragraph 4 of the SAB’s term of reference further stipulates that “[p]reference shall be given to persons who are knowledgeable about the relevant scientific and technological developments, and who are familiar with the implementation of the Convention. Efforts shall be made to maintain a balance between the areas of research, development and applications”. Nominees should be proposed on the basis of their qualifications and experience, with States Parties taking into account their publications, scientific, academic or professional activities, distinctions, and international experience.
4. When selecting candidates for nomination, States Parties should also take into consideration the fact that science and technology are advancing rapidly and that multi-disciplinary scientific collaboration has become commonplace with many scientific disciplines converging.
5. In the light of the expertise held by those leaving the SAB in 2015, the considerations mentioned in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, and the need for technical expert advice in future years to support implementation of the OPCW’s strategic direction and Medium-Term Plan for the Period from 2015 to 2019 (EC-77/S/1 C-19/S/1, dated



23 April 2014), States Parties may wish, this year in particular, to nominate candidates with expertise in practical applications of industrial-scale chemical production, non-routine verification activities (such as forensics), molecular diagnostics, and information technology.

6. Nominees should be ready to make substantive contributions at SAB meetings, during the intersessional periods, and at other relevant science-and-technology events. Each nominee is requested to submit a written statement describing how he/she intends to have a substantial impact on the work of the SAB and the OPCW.
7. The Secretariat requests States Parties to submit nominations, using the attached nomination form (Annex 2), **by 14 August 2015**. The form should be accompanied by the curriculum vitae of the nominee and by the written statement (up to 500 words) mentioned in paragraph 6 above.

Annexes:

Annex 1: List of SAB Members Whose Second Term of Office is Due To Finish in 2015

Annex 2 (English only): Nomination Form

**Annex 1****LIST OF SAB MEMBERS WHOSE  
SECOND TERM OF OFFICE IS DUE TO FINISH IN 2015**

<b>Name</b>	<b>State Party</b>	<b>Date of End of Term of Office</b>
Djafer Benachour	Algeria	5 September 2015
Alejandra Graciela Suárez	Argentina	5 September 2015
Michael Geist	Germany	5 September 2015
Muhammad Zafar-uz-Zaman	Pakistan	5 September 2015
Slavica Vučinić	Serbia	5 September 2015
William Kane	United States of America	30 December 2015

**Annex 2****CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD****NOMINATION FORM**

Please submit the completed form, together with the nominee's curriculum vitae and a statement by the nominee of how he/she intends to have a substantive impact on the work of the SAB and the OPCW, by **14 August 2015** to:

The Secretary, Scientific Advisory Board  
 OPCW, Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands  
 Fax: +31 (0)70 306 3535; E-mail: [stian.holen@opcw.org](mailto:stian.holen@opcw.org)

**Please type or use BLOCK LETTERS.**

1.	Title	
2.	Family name <sup>1</sup>	
3.	First name(s) <sup>1</sup>	
4.	Date of birth	Day                      Month                      Year
5.	Citizenship	
6.	Gender	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Relevant areas of expertise <sup>2</sup> and how these would support the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention	
8.	Work/roles similar to those of a Scientific Advisory Board member that the nominee has successfully undertaken previously <sup>3</sup>	
9.	Employer	
10.	Position	
11.	Contact address	
12.	E-mail address	
13.	Telephone numbers, including country and city codes	Work: Mobile: Fax:

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<sup>1</sup> Please give the first and family names exactly as they appear in the nominee's passport.

<sup>2</sup> See paragraphs 3 to 5 of the Note above, to which this nomination form is attached.

<sup>3</sup> See paragraph 6 of the Note above, to which this nomination form is attached. The nominee should be prepared to provide contact details of referees from such work.