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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
FOR AN ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION COURSE FOR INSTRUCTORS
LÁZNĚ BOHDANEČ, CZECH REPUBLIC
17 – 25 MAY 2017**

1. On behalf of the Government of the Czech Republic and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Director-General wishes to invite States Parties to nominate participants for the second assistance and protection course for instructors, which will take place from 17 to 25 May 2017 in Lázně Bohdaneč, the Czech Republic.
2. The course is being organised by the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) and will provide training for up to 16 instructors who are involved in responding to chemical emergency incidents. The course will cover the following topics:
 - (a) protection of personnel during a chemical emergency;
 - (b) sampling and detection procedures;
 - (c) rescue and decontamination operations in contaminated areas; and
 - (d) appropriate responses and countermeasures in the event of incidents involving chemical-warfare agents or toxic chemicals.
3. The course will also provide an overview of the kinds of assistance the OPCW can provide, and will help participating States Parties to enhance the ability and skills of instructors in their countries to offer training on how to provide protection against chemical weapons and other toxic chemicals, as well as on how to manage chemical incidents.
4. The course will include individual and team procedures, tactics and processes to deliver required operational readiness and to understand the complexity of hot zone management during a chemical incident.
5. The course will offer an introduction to the use of a system of evaluation of a chemical incident using web-based databases. It will also facilitate the exchange of information and experiences regarding the implementation of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”). The course will include table-top and field emergency response exercises.



6. Given the purpose of the course and its technical nature, candidates will be carefully selected according to the following criteria:
 - (a) All participants should be first responders and/or instructors/trainers, or be involved in developing an emergency response system in their own countries.
 - (b) All participants must have a good oral and written command of English, as all activities during the course will be conducted in English and no interpretation services of any kind will be available.
 - (c) Preference will be given to instructors from emergency response units, such as firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and police officers.
 - (d) Participants must be physically fit and capable of wearing individual protective gear for several hours at a time. Some practical experience with protective equipment is desirable.
7. Applications will be carefully screened on the basis of the criteria specified in paragraph 6 above. Only the most suitable applicants will be selected.
8. The Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor a limited number of participants from States Parties. For sponsored participants, it will cover the costs of accommodation and meals. Further details regarding accommodation, the course venue, and transport will be issued to all confirmed participants at a later date.
9. In order for the Secretariat to keep costs to a minimum, sponsored participants are expected to arrive **no earlier than Tuesday, 16 May 2017** and to depart **no later than Friday, 26 May 2017**. The Secretariat's approval is required for any changes to the arrival and departure dates of sponsored participants.
10. The Secretariat will not cover expenses unrelated to the course or that result from unauthorised changes in travel arrangements. Participants who have not been sponsored are requested to make their own travel arrangements.
11. Participants are requested to obtain all necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to the Czech Republic.
12. Interested applicants are invited to register their nomination online via the OPCW website at <https://apps.opcw.org/ems> **no later than 15 March 2017**. Please note that all fields marked with an asterisk (*) must be completed in order for applications to be processed. Interested applicants who for technical reasons are unable to submit an application online are requested to send an email to EmergAssistBr@opcw.org explaining the problem. Only selected participants will be contacted.
13. Additional information on the course may be obtained from the International Cooperation and Assistance Division. The contact person is Ms Ditta Ciganikova (Tel: +31 (0)70 416 3261).

Annex: Provisional Programme

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**ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION COURSE FOR INSTRUCTORS
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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time	Activity
<i>Tuesday, 16 May 2017</i>	
	Arrival of participants in Prague, transfer to Lázně Bohdaneč
<i>Wednesday, 17 May 2017</i>	
09:00 – 09:30	Official opening, keynote speech, introduction of participants
09:30 – 09:45	Official photo
09:45 – 10:00	Administrative information
10:00 – 10:30	Lecture: Population Protection Institute as a part of the Integrated Rescue System
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Lecture: Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention (expert from the OPCW)
11:30 – 12:15	Lecture: Chemical weapons disarmament
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 16:00	Lecture and demonstration: Chemical warfare agents – medical aspects, prophylaxis (Transfer to University of Defence, Hradec Králové)
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
16:30 – 17:30	Equipment handover
18:30 – 21:00	<i>Welcome dinner hosted by the OPCW</i>
<i>Thursday, 18 May 2017</i>	
08:00 – 08:30	Lecture: Principles of protection against chemicals
08:30 – 10:00	Lecture, demonstration: Personal protective equipment (expert from Germany)
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Lecture: Detection – principles, training detection kit
11:00 – 11:45	Lecture: Decontamination
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:00	Division into two working groups, setting up a task force
14:00 – 14:30	Assignment of a special task for each participant
14:30 – 15:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
15:00 – 16:00	Self-study session with the assistance of instructors, use of course manuals
16:00 – 18:00	Individual preparation for participants' presentations
<i>Friday, 19 May 2017</i>	
08:00 – 10:00	Lectures, demonstrations, practical training: each participant presents assigned task (two classes running in parallel)
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:30 – 12:15	Lectures, demonstrations, practical training: each participant presents assigned task (two classes running in parallel – continued)
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 14:45	Lecture: Sampling

15:00 – 16:30	On-site training: Detection, sampling, decontamination (three teams, exchanging workplaces)
16:30 – 17:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
Saturday, 20 May 2017	
08:00 – 10:00	Table-top exercise/Methods of training
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:30 – 11:45	Case study/Command and control
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 16:00	Practical session: Protection during a chemical emergency, communication
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
Monday, 22 May 2017	
08:00 – 08:30	Lecture: Analysis of toxic chemicals
08:30 – 09:15	Lecture: Evaluation of a chemical situation / Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG) and Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders (WISER)
09:15 – 09:45	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
09:45 – 10:30	Table-top exercise: Evaluation of a chemical situation / ERG, WISER (two teams, exchanging workplaces)
10:30 – 11:15	Demonstration: HazMat reconnaissance vehicles (two teams, exchanging workplaces)
11:15 – 11:45	Evaluation of a chemical situation/final debriefing
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 16:00	On-site training (individual teams)
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
Tuesday, 23 May 2017	
08:00 – 08:30	Integrated Rescue System – Chemical countermeasures
08:30 – 09:30	Lecture: Hot zone management, incident command system
09:30 – 10:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:00 – 11:00	Lecture: Command, control, communication (expert from Paraguay)
11:00 – 11:45	Scenarios for field exercises
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:30	On-site training (joint exercise)
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
16:00 – 16:30	Debriefing of joint exercise
Wednesday, 24 May 2017	
08:30 – 10:30	Field exercise 1: Terrorist attack with chemical warfare agents
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Refreshing break
11:30 – 12:15	Evaluation and debriefing of field exercise 1
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 16:00	Field exercise 2: Traffic accident with toxic industrial chemicals
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
16:30 – 17:00	Refreshing break
17:00 – 17:30	Evaluation and debriefing of field exercise 2
17:30 – 18:00	Evaluation of the course, completion of OPCW evaluation forms

<i>Thursday, 25 May 2017</i>	
08:00 – 08:30	Lecture, demonstration, practical training: a participant presents the assigned task (two classes running in parallel)
08:30 – 09:00	Equipment maintenance, return of equipment
09:00 – 09:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
09:30 – 12:00	Transfer to a hotel in Prague, check-in
12:00 – 13:00	Official closing ceremony
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Official lunch</i>

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