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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AN OPCW ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION
TRAINING COURSE FOR INSTRUCTORS
FROM LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES PARTIES
MADRID, SPAIN
25 SEPTEMBER – 4 OCTOBER 2017**

1. On behalf of the Government of Spain and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Director-General wishes to invite States Parties from the Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC) to nominate representatives to participate in an assistance and protection course for instructors from the GRULAC region, which will take place from 25 September to 4 October 2017 in Madrid, Spain.
2. This course is related to the offer made by Spain under Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) to provide assistance and protection against chemical weapons, and will be jointly organised by the Government of Spain and the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”). The course will provide training for up to 25 instructors from institutions in the GRULAC region involved in the provision of regional assistance and protection and/or emergency response training.
3. The course will help participating States Parties to enhance the knowledge and skills of their national instructors who are involved in the training of first responders to cases of chemical attacks or incidents involving toxic industrial chemicals.
4. The course is expected to contribute to the enhancement of regional response capabilities as a whole, and is aimed at consolidating the Secretariat’s regional approach to assistance and protection capacity-building within the GRULAC region by providing updated information and skills to regional instructors. Participants will enjoy the possibility of extensive information exchange and networking with regard to the practices and procedures related to assistance and protection training.
5. The course will cover the following topics among others:
 - (a) chemical warfare agents and toxic industrial chemicals (theoretical segment);
 - (b) protection of personnel and equipment during a chemical emergency;
 - (c) rescue and decontamination operation in contaminated areas; and



- (d) appropriate responses and countermeasures during incidents involving chemical warfare agents or toxic industrial chemicals.
6. Given the purpose of the course and its technical nature, candidates will be carefully selected according to the following criteria:
 - (a) Applicants should be first responders and/or instructors or trainers, or be involved in the implementation of emergency response policies in their own countries. They should preferably belong to the staff of training institutions in the GRULAC region. Ideally, applicants should also have passed courses provided by the OPCW at exercise level.
 - (b) Participants must be physically fit and capable of wearing individual protective equipment for several hours at a time.
 - (c) As the course will be conducted in Spanish, participants must have a good command of the Spanish language. No interpretation services of any kind will be provided.
7. In principle, only one participant per State Party will be selected. However, States Parties with more than one suitable candidate are encouraged to nominate them.
8. The Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor a limited number of participants. For sponsored participants, it will cover the costs of travel, medical insurance, and meals, and will provide a limited subsistence allowance to cover sundry expenses. Participants will arrive in Madrid on Sunday, 24 September 2017 and depart on Thursday, 5 October 2017. The Secretariat will not cover expenses unrelated to the course or that result from changes in travel arrangements that it has not authorised. Participants are requested to obtain all necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to Spain.
9. Interested individuals are invited to complete the nomination form that is included as Annex 2 to this Note, making sure in particular to provide all of the contact details that are requested. Completed forms, along with a brief curriculum vitae, should be sent by email (EmergAssistBr@opcw.org) with "ToT GRULAC 2017" in the subject line. All materials must be received by the Secretariat **no later than 15 June 2017**. Endorsement of the National Authority will be a prerequisite for acceptance.
10. The provisional programme of the course is included as Annex 1 to this Note. Further details regarding accommodation, the course venue, transport and an updated version of the programme will be submitted to all selected participants at a later date. Any questions should be addressed to the Assistance and Protection Branch of the International Cooperation and Assistance Division. The contact persons are Justo Quintero Mendez (Tel: +31(0)70 416 3775) and María Elena Bruno-Pousadela, (Tel: +31(0) 40 416 3217).

Annexes:

- Annex 1: Provisional Programme
Annex 2: Nomination Form

Annex 1

**OPCW ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION TRAINING COURSE FOR
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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time	Activity
<i>Monday, 25 September 2017</i>	
08:30 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 10:00	Opening ceremony
10:00 – 10:15	Administrative information about the course
10:15 – 10:50	The Convention and the OPCW – Status and challenges
10:50 – 11:20	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:20 – 12:10	The Spanish National Authority and its role in the implementation of the provisions of the Convention
12:10 – 12:45	Status of implementation of Article X of the Convention
12:45 – 13:00	Status of implementation of Article X in the GRULAC region
13:00 – 14:00	Theoretical segment No. 1
14:00 – 15:00	<i>Lunch</i>
15:00 – 16:15	Theoretical segment No. 2
16:15 – 17:30	Theoretical segment No. 3
17:30 – 19:00	Welcome reception hosted by the OPCW
<i>Tuesday, 26 September 2017</i>	
08:30 – 10:40	Theoretical segment No. 4
10:40 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00 – 13:30	The effects of, and treatments for, chemical weapons poisoning
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 17:00	Detection of chemical warfare agents
17:00 – 17:30	Question and answer session
<i>Wednesday, 27 September 2017</i>	
08:30 – 09:45	Toxic industrial chemicals (TICs)
09:45 – 10:45	Exports controls of defence and dual-use materials
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>

Time	Activity
11:00 – 12:15	Principles of individual protection and equipment
12:15 – 13:30	Practical aspects of the use of individual protective equipment
13:30 – 15:00	<i>Lunch</i>
15:00 – 16:00	Collective protection
16:00 – 17:00	Nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) decontamination
17:00 – 17:30	Question and answer session
<i>Thursday, 28 September 2017</i>	
08:30	Transport by bus to the National School of Civil Protection
09:00 – 10:00	The national system of civil protection in Spain
10:00 – 11:00	The chemical industry's emergency response plans
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:30 – 12:30	Civil protection measures against chemical threats
12:30 – 13:30	Transport to "La Marañosa" Technological Institute
13:30 – 15:00	<i>Lunch</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Presentation on the work of the "La Marañosa" Technological Institute
15:30 – 16:30	Fábrica Nacional "La Marañosa", an OPCW designated laboratory
16:30 – 17:00	Visit to the facilities of "La Marañosa" Technological Institute
17:00 – 17:30	Return to Madrid
<i>Friday, 29 September 2017</i>	
08:30 – 10:00	The NBC defence structure in Spain
10:00 – 11:00	NBC reconnaissance
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:15 – 12:15	Meteorological tools
12:15 – 13:00	Sampling and analysis and its use in identifying chemical warfare agents
13:30 – 15:00	<i>Lunch</i>
15:00 – 17:00	Presentations by participants
<i>Monday, 2 October 2017</i>	
08:30 – 10:00	Chemical terrorism
10:00 – 11:00	The police force: Procedures for handling incidents involving chemical weapons
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15 – 12:15	The Spanish Guardia Civil: Procedures for handling incidents involving chemical weapons and other toxic chemicals

Time	Activity
12:15 – 13:15	Chemical companies and chemical weapons precursors; custody of products
13:15 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 17:00	Decontamination of casualties
17:00 – 17:30	Question and answer session
<i>Tuesday, 3 October 2017</i>	
08:15	Transport by bus to the Casualties Decontamination Centre
09:00 – 10:00	Presentation on the Casualties Decontamination Centre
10:00 – 13:30	Tour of the Casualties Decontamination Centre (including a practical exercise)
13:30 – 14:00	Return
14:00 – 16:00	<i>Lunch</i>
16:00 – 17:00	Presentations by participants
<i>Wednesday, 4 October 2017</i>	
09:00 – 10:00	Tools for management of emergency measures in response to a chemical incident: Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG), Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders (WISER), and NBC analysis
10:00 – 10:45	Evaluation of the training by participants
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Closing ceremony

Annex 2

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NOMINATION FORM

Please type or use BLOCK LETTERS

Family name of nominee*			
First name(s)*			
Date of birth	Day	Month	Year
Citizenship			
Gender**	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	
Passport number			
Date of issue	Day	Month	Year
Expiry date	Day	Month	Year
Place of issue			
Areas of expertise			
Employer			
Position			
Contact address (Please do not give a post-office box number)	Street		
	Number	Postcode	
	City		
	Country		
Email address			
Telephone numbers, including country and city codes	Home		
	Work		
	Mobile		
Fax numbers, including country and city codes	Home		
	Work		
City of departure			

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

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

Has the nominee previously taken part in a course of this kind?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If so, when and where?	
Is sponsorship a condition of participation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Dietary preferences	None <input type="checkbox"/> Halal <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) <input type="checkbox"/> :	
Size	Gloves:	S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/>
	Boots (number):	
	Height (m):	
	Weight (kg):	