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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE SIXTH TRAINING COURSE ON CONDUCTING
SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS IN A HIGHLY CONTAMINATED ENVIRONMENT
CZESTOCHOWA, POLAND
7 – 11 MAY 2018**

1. On behalf of the Government of Poland and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Director-General wishes to invite Member States to nominate participants for a training course in conducting sampling and analysis in a highly contaminated environment, to be held in Czestochowa, Poland, from 7 to 11 May 2018.
2. The course will be jointly organised by the Government of Poland and the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”). The main purpose of the training is to provide expert knowledge and skills to 15 specialists from Member States, who would be responsible for conducting sampling and analysis tasks in a highly contaminated environment as a result of a chemical attack or a chemical incident.
3. Member States that do not yet have sampling and analysis capabilities are especially encouraged to nominate participants. Given the objectives of the course, and its technical nature, applicants should have a solid technical background in chemistry and the management of hazardous chemical substances. Participants must also be qualified and experienced in using and wearing self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). Previous practical experience in military or civil protection is desirable. Individual protective suits will be worn for several hours each day, and participants must, therefore, be physically fit and able to wear such equipment for extended periods.
4. The Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor a limited number of participants from States Parties. Each nomination should specify whether sponsorship is a condition of the nominee’s participation. The course materials, accommodation, meals, and local transport during the course will be provided by the National Authority of Poland. Further details regarding accommodation, the course venue, and transport will be issued to all selected participants at a later date.
5. When making travel arrangements for sponsored participants, the Secretariat will seek the most economical options. In order for the Secretariat to keep costs to a minimum, sponsored participants are expected to arrive no earlier than Sunday, 6 May 2018, and to depart no later than Saturday, 12 May 2018. The Secretariat will not cover expenses unrelated to the course or that result from unauthorised changes to travel



arrangements. Sponsored participants shall bear all costs resulting from changes they make, including cancellations, once the Secretariat has purchased their tickets.

6. Applicants are expected to be familiar with the principles of first response, including sampling, and chemical emergency management and will be carefully selected in line with the objective of the course and their stated area of expertise.
7. The course will be conducted in English, and no interpretation services of any kind will be provided. Participants are therefore expected to have a good command of both written and spoken English.
8. Applicants are invited to complete the nomination form that is included as Annex 2 to this Note, giving the nominee's full name, passport details, address, fax and telephone numbers, email address, and their areas of expertise, which should be relevant to the subject of the course. The completed nomination form, together with a brief curriculum vitae for each nominee, should be submitted to the Assistance and Protection Branch, by e-mail attachment to Justo.QuinteroMendez@opcw.org with a copy to Marialena.Bruno-Pousadela@opcw.org. The subject line of the email should indicate "APB Czestochowa 2018". Nominations should be sent as soon as possible, but **no later than 10 March 2018**, to allow sufficient time for the Secretariat and the Polish authorities to make the necessary arrangements. Endorsement by the National Authority will be a condition for acceptance.
9. Participants are requested to obtain all necessary visas, including transit visas, before travelling to Poland. Please be aware that Schengen Area visas can take up to three weeks to obtain, so the visa request should be submitted well in advance.
10. The provisional programme for the course is included as Annex 1 to this Note; further details will be issued 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 Mr Justo Quintero Méndez, who can be reached at +31 (0)70 416 3775, and María Elena Bruno Pousadela, who can be reached at +31 (0)70 416 3217.

Annexes:

Annex 1: Provisional Programme

Annex 2: Nomination Form

Annex 1

**TRAINING COURSE ON CONDUCTING SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS IN A
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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time	Activity
<i>Sunday, 6 May 2018</i>	
	Participants arrive in Czestochowa, Poland (pick up at Katowice International Airport)
<i>Monday, 7 May 2018</i>	
08:15	Participants meet in front of the Hotel Reception
08:30 – 09:00	Opening ceremony
09:00 – 09:15	Official photograph
09:15 – 09:45	Presentation: Article X of the Chemicals Weapons Convention
09:45 – 10:00	Presentation: General aspects of sampling (Getting familiar with the quality-management system document (QDOC), requirements and procedures)
10:00 – 10:15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:15 – 11:15	Presentation: Sampling and analysis of hazardous substances. General rules and hazards
11:15 – 12:00	Presentation: Equipment related to sampling of hazardous substances
12:00 – 12:30	Presentation: Occupational health
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:00	Presentation: Collection of liquid, air, and soil samples. Individual practice
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
15:30 – 16:45	Presentation: Taking samples in emergency situations
16:45 – 17:00	Summary of the day
<i>Tuesday, 8 May 2018</i>	
08:30 – 09:30	Presentation: Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) health and safety requirements (medical evaluation, fitness test)
09:30 – 10:30	Refresher session on individual protective equipment (IPE) Types and uses, donning and doffing
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00 – 12:30	Practical session: SCBA operation (respiratory capabilities and limitations, inspection, donning and doffing, seal checking, normal use, emergency procedures)
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:30	Practical session on IPE. Practice in the smoke chamber. Analysis of substances (methods and handling of devices)
15:30	Summary of the day
16:30	Social activity

Wednesday, 9 May 2018	
08:30 – 10:30	Sample collection practice (wearing IPE)
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00 – 12:30	Sample collection practice (IPE and SCBA, face piece off)
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:00	Sample collection practice (team in IPE)
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
15:30 – 17:00	Sample collection practice (team in IPE and SCBA, face piece off)
17:00 – 17:30	Summary of the day
Thursday, 10 May 2018	
08:00 – 12:30	Presentation and practice: Identification of hazards and sampling of chemicals with use of chemical protective clothing and respiratory protection equipment (individual work) (scenario 1)
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 17:00	Presentation and practice: Identification of hazards and sampling of chemicals with use of chemical protective clothing and respiratory protection equipment (team work)
Friday, 11 May 2018	
08:00 – 13:00	Practice and evaluation: Team coordination in a fire scenario (evaluation of participants during a small, real fire exercise, team coordination, safety approaches, and sample collection)
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:00	Discussion and evaluation of results
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
15:15 – 16:00	Summary of the training
16:00 – 16:30	Course evaluation
16:30 – 17:00	Closing remarks
Saturday, 12 May 2018	
	Departure of participants

Annex 2

**TRAINING COURSE ON CONDUCTING SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS
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NOMINATION FORM

Please submit the completed form, along with a brief curriculum vitae, by **10 March 2018** to the Director of the International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW, by email, attachment to: Justo.QuinteroMendez@opcw.org and Marialena.Bruno-Pousadela@opcw.org

The subject line of the email should read “**APB Czestochowa 2018**”.

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			
Area(s) of expertise			
Employer			
Position			
Contact address (please do not give a post-office box number)	Street		
	Number	Postcode	
	City		
	Country		
Airport of departure			
E-mail address			
Telephone numbers, including country and city codes	Home		
	Work		
	Mobile		
Fax numbers, including country and city codes	Home		
	Work		

* The family name and first name should be listed exactly as they appear in the nominee's passport.

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

Is sponsorship a condition of participation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the nominee have any special dietary requirements?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	If so, please describe:	
Endorsement by the National Authority Signature: _____ Date: _____ Stamp: _____		