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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR A TRAINING COURSE
ON CHEMICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOR POLICE OFFICERS
FROM STATES PARTIES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA
23 – 27 JULY 2018**

1. On behalf of Colombia and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Director-General wishes to invite States Parties from the Latin America and Caribbean (GRULAC) region to nominate qualifying representatives to participate in a regional training course on chemical emergency response aimed at first responders from police and law enforcement authorities, which will take place from 23 to 27 July 2018 in Bogotá, Colombia.
2. The course will be jointly organised by the Government of Colombia and the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”). It will provide training to up to 20 participants in aspects related to response to attacks with chemical warfare agents and incidents with toxic industrial chemicals under the provisions of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”).
3. The course will offer an introduction to basic toxicology, the types and uses of individual protective equipment, reconnaissance, detection, decontamination, forensics, and other topics related to the investigation of a contaminated crime scene. It will also cover elements related to risk assessment, prevention, and response to chemical emergencies. The course is also aimed at facilitating the exchange of information and fostering networking among the participants, with a view to enhancing the implementation of Article X of the Convention in the GRULAC region.
4. Candidates for this course should preferably belong to institutions such as police and other national law enforcement bodies from GRULAC States Parties that could be acting as first responders when facing such situations. Consequently, participants will be carefully selected in accordance with their professional functions. Participants should also be physically fit and able to wear individual protective gear during practical sessions of the course.
5. Endorsement by the National Authority is a prerequisite for a candidate being considered in the selection process.
6. The Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor a maximum of 20 participants. When proposing candidates for the course, Member States should specify whether such sponsorship is a condition of their participation. For sponsored participants, the



Secretariat will cover the cost of travel, accommodation, transfers (airport/hotel/airport), medical insurance, meals (lunch), and will provide a limited subsistence allowance to cover sundry expenses.

7. Further details regarding accommodation, the course venue, transport, and the final programme will be issued to participants in due course.
8. When making travel arrangements for sponsored participants, the Secretariat will seek the most economical options. Sponsored participants are encouraged to use the tickets provided by the Secretariat. Participants are expected to arrive no earlier than Sunday, **22 July 2018** and to depart no later than Saturday, **28 July 2018**. The Secretariat's approval is required for any changes to the arrival and departure dates of sponsored participants. 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.
9. Participants are requested to obtain all necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to Colombia.
10. The course will be presented in Spanish and participants are required to have a good working knowledge of Spanish, both written and oral. No interpretation services will be provided in this course.
11. Interested candidates are invited to complete the nomination form that is included as Annex 2 to this Note, giving each nominee's full name, passport details and address, fax and telephone numbers, email address, current functions and area(s) of expertise. The completed nomination form, together with a brief curriculum vitae for each nominee, should be sent to the Director, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, c/o Assistance and Protection Branch, OPCW, Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands. Nominations may be submitted by email to EmergAssistBr@opcw.org with reference to the title and location of the course in the subject line of the message. Nominations should be submitted as soon as possible, but no later than **28 May 2018**, in order to allow sufficient time for the Secretariat to make the necessary arrangements.
12. A provisional programme for the course is included as Annex 1 to this Note; further details will be issued at a later date. Any questions may be addressed to the Assistance and Protection Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division:

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Annexes:

Annex 1: Provisional Programme
Annex 2 (English only): Nomination Form

Annex 1

**TRAINING COURSE ON CHEMICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOR POLICE
FIRST RESPONDERS FROM THE GRULAC REGION
BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA
23 – 27 JULY 2018**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time	Activity
<i>Sunday, 22 July 2018</i>	
	Arrival and accommodation of participants
<i>Monday, 23 July 2018</i>	
07.20	Departure to facilities of the Colombian National Police
08:00 – 08:40	Opening ceremony
08:40 – 09:00	Official photograph
09:00 – 09:15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
09:15 – 09:30	Administrative and practical introduction
09:30 – 09:45	Introduction of participants and instructors
09:45 – 10:40	Presentation: The OPCW and the current implementation of Article X
10:40 – 11:00	Presentation: The Colombian National Authority to the Chemical Weapons Convention
11:00 – 12:00	Presentation: The Colombian National Police and its NBCR ¹ intervention unit
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:30	Presentation: Introduction to chemical weapons
14:30 – 15:30	Presentation: Toxic industrial chemicals and chemical weapons
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
15:45 – 16:45	Presentation: Detection of chemical weapons
16:45 – 17:45	Workshop: Detection equipment
17:45	Return to the hotel
<i>Tuesday, 24 July 2018</i>	
07:20	Departure to facilities of the Colombian National Police
08:00 – 08:30	Presentation: Individual protection levels
08:30 – 09:00	Presentation: Respiratory protection
09:00 – 10:00	Presentation: Individual protective equipment
10:00 – 10:15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:15 – 10:45	Workshop: Cross-contamination
10:45 – 11:15	Presentation: Sample collection
11:15 – 12:00	Demonstration: “clean” and “dirty” man
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:30	Presentation: Medical aspects related to emergency response
14:30 – 15:30	Presentation: Triage

¹ NBCR = Nuclear, biological, chemical, and radiological.

Time	Activity
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
15:45 – 16:45	Workshop : Triage
16:45 – 17:20	Workshop: Bifocal masks
17:20	Return to the hotel
Wednesday, 25 July 2018	
07:20	Departure to facilities of the Colombian National Police
08:00 – 09:00	Presentation: Dissemination and neutralisation methods
09:00 – 10:00	Presentation: Decontamination
10:00 – 10:15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:15 – 12:00	Workshop: Donning and doffing
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:30	Presentation: Explosives and detonators
14:30 – 16:00	Presentation: Specialised information systems
16:00 – 16:15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
16:15 – 17:45	Workshop: Incident command system
17:45	Return to the hotel
Thursday, 26 July 2018	
07:20	Departure to facilities of the Colombian National Police
08:00 – 10:00	Workshop: Group A: Forensic work in criminal incidents with chemical warfare agents Group B: Sample collection
10:00 – 10:15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:15 – 12:00	Workshop: Reconnaissance
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:30	Guided field exercise NBC 004
15:30 – 16:00	Recovery and return of equipment
16:00– 17:00	Discussion: Lessons learned from field exercise
17:00	Return to the hotel
Friday, 27 July 2018	
07:00	Departure to facilities of the Colombian National Police
07:30 – 08:00	Final exercise: Equipment and response planning
08:00 – 08:15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
08:15 – 10:30	Final exercise: scenario NBC 004
10:30 – 11:00	Recovery and return of equipment
11:00 – 11:40	Field exercise evaluation and final discussion
11:40 – 12:00	Final test
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
13:00 – 13:45	Handover of certificates and closing
Evening	Departure of participants

Annex 2

**TRAINING COURSE ON CHEMICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE
FOR POLICE FIRST RESPONDERS FROM THE GRULAC REGION
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NOMINATION FORM

Please submit the completed form, along with a brief curriculum vitae, by **28 May 2018**
to: The Director, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW
c/o Assistance and Protection Branch
Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands
Email: EmergAssistBr@opcw.org

Please indicate in the subject line of the email title and location of the course.

Please type or use BLOCK LETTERS

1.	Family name of nominee ²			
2.	First name(s)			
3.	Date of birth	Day	Month	Year
4.	Citizenship			
5.	Gender ³	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	
6.	Passport number			
7.	Date of issue	Day	Month	Year
8.	Expiry date	Day	Month	Year
9.	Place of issue			
10.	Employer			
11.	Position			
12.	Please describe your current functions			
13.	Contact address (Please do not give a post-office box number)	Street		
		Number	Post code	
		City		
		Country		

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

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

14.	Airport of departure		
15.	Email address		
16.	Telephone numbers, including country and city codes	Home	
		Work	
		Mobile	
17.	Endorsement by National Authority	(Name, signature and stamp of institution)	
18.	Is sponsorship a condition of participation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

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