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Government of India
Cabinet Secretariat
National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention

1st Floor, Chanakya Bhawan, Chanakya Puri,
New Delhi, dated 17th September 2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Call for nominations for the Online Regional Basic Assistance-and-Protection Course for First Responders in Asia Region, 11 - 15 October 2021- regarding.

Please find enclosed copy of the Invitation Letter vide No. L/ICA/APB-229/2021 Dated 26 August 2021, received from the Technical Secretariat (TS), Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), seeking nominations on the above mentioned subject.

2. In line with above, nominations of suitable, qualified and experienced Officer of an appropriate level along with relevant documents, adhering to the 'Revised Guidelines for OPCW sponsored events' issued by NACWC may please be sent to this office latest by 22nd September 2021 through the online portal- OPCW Training Management System (<https://training.nacwc.gov.in/Login.aspx>). The Head of the concerned Department/ Organization may also certify that the applicant is clear from vigilance angle and no departmental proceeding against him is contemplated or inquired into. Further, it may please be ensured that nominated individuals have good command of English, both written and oral.

3. It is further informed that, keeping in view purpose of the course, priority will be given to first responders, preferably police officers, military personnel, and firefighters, mandated to deal with chemical emergency response.

4. Applicants who have already participated in the similar previous programme(s) may not be considered for the course. After attending the course, nominated individuals shall be expected to make a report and a brief presentation to the National Authority.

Enclosure: As above

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3. The Director (DHRD), Directorate of Human Resource Development, Defence Research & Development Organization, Room No. 253, DRDO Bhawan, Rajaji Marg, New Delhi-110105
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The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and Republic of Korea wish to invite Member States Parties in Asia to nominate representatives to participate in the Regional Basic Assistance-and-Protection Course for First Responders in Asia Region, scheduled to be held on-line via the OPCW TalentSoft platform from 11 to 15 October 2021.

This training course is a capacity-building initiative aiming at strengthening national and regional emergency response within the framework of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”), with the objective to assist the OPCW member states in Asia to establish a basic capability in effectively responding to chemical emergencies, which will directly benefit their civilian populations.

The Training will be provided to 20 qualified participants, who will acquire knowledge in planning and building a support team for civil protection, civil defence, and decontamination operations in contaminated areas, as well as in appropriate responses and countermeasures in the event of incidents involving chemical warfare agents or toxic industrial chemicals.

The course will offer a basic introduction to the use of protective equipment and monitoring, detection, and decontamination techniques. Participants completing the basic course will acquire general knowledge of chemical warfare agents and toxic industrial chemicals, and knowledge and understanding of the use of individual protective equipment, equipment for detection and decontamination, and medical countermeasures. It will also provide an overview of what kind of assistance the OPCW, Republic of Korea, and Member States in Asia can provide.

The Training will also facilitate the exchange of information and experiences regarding the implementation of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention, and provide a forum for discussion among Member States on future cooperation in the regional and international level under Article X.

Given the purpose of the course, candidates will be carefully selected, and priority will be given to first responders, preferably police officers, military personnel, and firefighters, with experience in the field of chemical emergency response. The course will be conducted in English with no interpretation, thus a good command of English, both written and oral, is a mandatory requirement for the eligibility.

The OPCW would be grateful to receive nomination of your designated expert(s) online through EVENTUS – the OPCW event management system by, and **no later than, 27 September 2021** via the following link: <https://apps.opcw.org/Eventus/Home/EventDetail/291>. Please note that all questions marked with an asterisk (*) must be answered for the nomination to be received and for the candidate to be considered for this event.

The endorsement form attached as Annex 1 to this letter must be completed, signed and stamped by the National Authority and uploaded during the course registration process.

A detailed Agenda will be provided at a later stage.

For additional information, please contact Mr. Anton Martyniuk, Senior Program Officer (+31 624651333), reachable also via email anton.martyniuk@opcw.org, while for any logistical issues or queries, please contact our focal point Ms. Sonja Pecak (+31 (0) 6 1980 5250), or via email at: sonja.pecak@opcw.org,

I sincerely hope that a representative of your National Authority will be able to honour us with participation at this important training, and I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.



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To: National Authorities of the States Parties in Asia
Cc.: Permanent Representations of the States Parties in Asia

Annex: Endorsement letter

REGIONAL BASIC ASSISTANCE-AND-PROTECTION COURSE FOR FIRST RESPONDERS IN ASIA REGION

On-line Training

11-15 October 2021

ENDORSEMENT BY THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY

This form needs to be duly completed, signed, sealed and uploaded for the submission of an application via:

<https://apps.opcw.org/Eventus/Home/EventDetail/291>

Please type or use BLOCK LETTERS

I, _____, Head/Chief Coordinator of the National Authority of the State Party of _____, on behalf of the Government of _____, hereby endorse the nomination of Mr/Ms _____, holding the position/designation of _____ in the Office/Division/Branch of _____, as indicated in the attached nomination form for participation in the Regional Basic Assistance-and-Protection Course for first responders in Asia Region, which will be held on-line from 11 to 15 October 2021.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Official seal of the Organisation:

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