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**Government of India**  
**Cabinet Secretariat**  
**National Authority (Chemical Weapons Convention)**

1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Chanakya Bhavan, Chanakyapuri,  
New Delhi – 110021, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

**Subject:** Call for Nominations for an 10<sup>th</sup> Regional Basic Assistance-and-Protection Course for First Responders in Asia Region from 13-17 June 2022 at Seoul, Republic of Korea-regarding.

Please find enclosed copy of the Technical Secretariat (TS) Note No. L/ICA/APB-351/22, 21 April, 2022, received from the Implementation Support Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, Technical Secretariat (TS), Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), Hague, Netherland, seeking nominations from the States Parties of OPCW on the above mentioned subject.

2. The TS, OPCW is planning to conduct a course jointly with the Government of the Republic of Korea and wish to invite Member States Parties in Asia to nominate representatives to participate in the tenth Regional Basic Assistance-and-Protection Course for First Responders in Asia Region, scheduled to be held in Seoul, Republic of Korea from 13 to 17 June 2022. This training is related to capacity building for national and regional emergency response within the framework of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention and will provide training for up to 20 participants 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. It will also give an overview of what kind of assistance the OPCW, the host country, and Member States in Asia can provide, and will assist participating Member States in establishing a basic capability in protection from chemical weapons, which will directly benefit their civilian populations. The candidates will be carefully selected and should be physically fit and able to wear individual protective equipment for several hours at a time during the practical sessions of the course. They should also have experience in assistance and protection against chemical weapons. In addition, it is desirable that participants have some practical experience with protective equipment.

3. In-line with the above, nominations of suitable, qualified and experienced officer(s) of appropriate level in your organization may be sent to this office latest by 06<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 through the National Authority-CWC online portal- OPCW Training Management System (<https://training.nacwc.gov.in/Login.aspx>) with strict adherence to the "Revised Guidelines for OPCW sponsored events" issued and hosted on the National Authority-CWC website.

This is issued with the approval of Competent Authority.

Encl: As above



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**To,**

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3. The Joint Secretary (Training) & CVO, Department of Defence, Ministry of Defence, South Block, Central Secretariat, Rajpath Marg, New Delhi, Delhi-110011.



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The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and the Government of the Republic of Korea wish to invite Member States Parties in Asia to nominate representatives to participate in the tenth Regional Basic Assistance-and-Protection Course for First Responders in Asia Region, scheduled to be held in Seoul, Republic of Korea from 13 to 17 June 2022.

The course, which will be jointly organised by the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”), is related to capacity building for national and regional emergency response within the framework of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”), and will provide training for up to 20 participants 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. It will also give an overview of what kind of assistance the OPCW, the host country, and Member States in Asia can provide, and will assist participating Member States in establishing a basic capability in protection from chemical weapons, which will directly benefit their civilian populations.

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. The course will facilitate the exchange of information and experiences regarding the implementation of Article X of the Convention and will provide a forum for the discussion of future cooperation among participating Member States and what further assistance they might make to the OPCW under Article X.

Given the purpose of the course and its technical nature, candidates will be carefully selected and should be physically fit and able to wear individual protective equipment for several hours at a time during the practical sessions of the course. They should also have experience in assistance and protection against chemical weapons. In addition, it is desirable that participants have some practical experience with protective equipment.

It should be noted that the course is part of a tailored approach to training focused on annual training cycles conducted at the regional level. In line with this approach to capacity-building projects under Article X, it is expected that participants selected for this course will also participate in the advanced regional assistance and protection course and field exercise to be held later in 2022 – 2023 (please follow our announcements).

The Secretariat and the Government of the Republic of Korea expect to be able to sponsor the participation of a limited number of participants. Each nomination should specify whether sponsorship is a condition of the nominee's participation. For sponsored participants, the Secretariat will cover the costs of travel and medical insurance, and will provide a limited subsistence allowance to cover sundry expenses. The course materials, accommodation, meals, and local transport during the course will be provided at no cost to the participants. Further details regarding accommodation, the course venue, and transport will be issued to all confirmed participants at a later date.

When making travel arrangements for sponsored participants, the Secretariat will seek the most economical options not subject to changes. Participants will be allowed to purchase tickets locally only if this leads to further savings for the Secretariat and if the Secretariat authorises it. In order for the Secretariat to keep costs to a minimum, sponsored participants are expected to arrive **no earlier than Sunday, 12 June 2022** and to depart **no later than Saturday, 18 June 2022**. 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 must bear all costs resulting from changes they make, including cancellations, once the Secretariat has purchased their tickets. Participants who have not been sponsored are requested to make their own travel arrangements and to inform the Secretariat accordingly.

All activities during 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 written and oral command of the English language.

Participants are requested to obtain all necessary visas (including transit visas), be fully vaccinated, bring valid PCR test results prior to travelling to the Republic of Korea. Travel insurance for sponsored participants (in case of contingencies such as being infected with COVID-19) will be covered by the OPCW.

Interested applicants are invited to register their nomination online through EVENTUS – the OPCW event management system – **no later than 16 May 2022**. The EVENTUS registration link is accessible via the OPCW website at: <http://apps.opcw.org/eventus>. Please note that all questions marked with an asterisk (\*) must be answered and an endorsement letter from the relevant National Authority (Annex 2) must be attached in order for the nomination to be received and for the candidate to be considered for this event.

For additional information, please contact Mr. Anton Martyniuk, Senior Program Officer (+31 624651333), reachable also via email [anton.martyniuk@opcw.org](mailto: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](mailto:sonja.pecak@opcw.org).

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

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.



Gareth Williams  
Head of Assistance and Protection Branch  
International Cooperation and Assistance Division

Annexes:

Annex 1: Provisional Programme  
Annex 2: Endorsement Form

**Annex:** Endorsement letter

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

*In person Training*

**13-17 June 2022**

**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>

**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 in-person in Seoul, Republic of Korea, on 13-17 June 2022.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Official seal of the Organisation