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Cabinet Secretariat
National Authority (Chemical Weapons Convention)

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New Delhi – 110021, 07th July, 2022

Subject: Call for Nominations for an Advanced Training Course and Exercise on Assistance and Protection Against Chemical Weapons Islamabad, Pakistan 7 – 11 November 2022-regarding.

Please find enclosed copy of the Technical Secretariat (TS) Note No. S/2069/2022, 16 June, 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. On behalf of the Government of Pakistan and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter "the Secretariat") wishes to invite States Parties to nominate candidates to participate in an international advanced course on assistance and protection against chemical weapons. The online course will be offered in English. It is further submitted that, the course is technical in nature and candidates will be carefully selected and should have experience with assistance and protection against chemical weapons. Preference will be given to officers from emergency response units involved in civilian protection. Previous participation in the OPCW basic training course on assistance and protection against chemical weapons is highly desirable. In addition, participants should be physically fit and be able to wear individual protective gear for several hours at a time during practical sessions of the course. Participants with advanced training in planning for and building a support team in 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 and toxic industrial chemicals.

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 16th September, 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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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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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AN ADVANCED TRAINING COURSE AND
EXERCISE ON ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION AGAINST CHEMICAL WEAPONS
ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN
7 – 11 NOVEMBER 2022**

1. On behalf of the Government of Pakistan and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) wishes to invite States Parties to nominate candidates to participate in an international advanced course on assistance and protection against chemical weapons, which will take place from 7 to 11 November 2022 in Islamabad, Pakistan.
2. The course, which will be jointly organised by the Government of Pakistan and the Secretariat, constitutes an integral part of the OPCW international training cycle on assistance and protection against chemical weapons. This course will provide up to 20 participants with advanced training in planning for and building a support team in 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 and toxic industrial chemicals. It will also give an overview of what kind of assistance the OPCW, the host country, and Member States can provide, and will assist participating States Parties in establishing risk assessment-based capabilities in protection against chemical weapons, which will directly benefit their civilian populations.
3. The course will offer advanced training on the use of individual and collective protective equipment, and on monitoring, detection, and decontamination techniques. Participants completing the advanced course will refresh their general knowledge of chemical warfare agents, individual protective equipment, and detection and decontamination equipment. This training course will build upon knowledge previously obtained through the OPCW basic training course and will have hands-on training with all relevant equipment. The course will also facilitate the exchange of information on and experiences with the implementation of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”), and will provide a forum for discussions of future cooperation among participating Member States, and the offers they might make in future to the OPCW under Article X. The course will conclude with a practical emergency response exercise.
4. Given the purpose of the course and its technical nature, candidates will be carefully selected and should have experience with assistance and protection against chemical weapons. Preference will be given to officers from emergency response units involved in civilian protection. Previous participation in the OPCW basic training course on assistance



and protection against chemical weapons is highly desirable. In addition, participants should be physically fit and be able to wear individual protective gear for several hours at a time during practical sessions of the course.

5. The Secretariat expects 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. Accommodation for sponsored participants will be arranged by the National Authority of Pakistan and will be paid for by the Secretariat. Participants who are not sponsored are also expected to avail themselves of this accommodation, and to confirm the related arrangements with the Secretariat. The Secretariat will not cover the accommodation costs of non-sponsored participants. The course materials, training equipment, mid-day meals, and local transport during the course will be provided by the National Authority of Pakistan, at no cost to the participants or to the OPCW. Further details regarding accommodation, the course venue, and transport will be issued to all confirmed participants at a later date.
6. When making travel arrangements for sponsored participants, the Secretariat will seek the most economical options. 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, 6 November 2022**, and to depart **no later than Saturday, 12 November 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 any 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.
7. All activities during the meeting 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.
8. Participants are requested to obtain all necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to Pakistan.
9. Interested applicants are invited to register their nomination online through Eventus, the OPCW event management system, **no later than 26 September 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 for the nomination to be received and for the candidate to be considered for this event. No paper endorsement form will be accepted.
10. A provisional programme for the course is included as the Annex to this Note. For additional information, please contact Mr Anton Martyniuk of the Assistance and Protection Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division (Tel: +31 (0)70 416 3470; Email: anton.martyniuk@opcw.org). Travel details and other administrative support will be provided by Ms Sonja Pecak (Email: sonja.pecak@opcw.org).

Annex

**ADVANCED TRAINING COURSE AND EXERCISE
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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time	Activity
<i>Sunday, 6 November 2022</i>	
	Arrival of participants and registration
<i>Monday, 7 November 2022</i>	
08:30 – 09:00	Keynote address
09:00 – 09:15	Group photo
09:15 – 10:00	Display of detection and protection equipment
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Break</i>
10:30 – 11:30	Overview of course
11:30 – 12:15	Lecture: Implementation of the Convention in Pakistan
12:15 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:15	Lecture: The provisions of Article X on assistance and protection
14:15 – 15:00	Lecture: The history of chemical warfare agents
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Break</i>
15:30 – 16:15	Lecture: Types and effects of chemical warfare agents and toxic industrial chemicals
16:15 – 17:00	Lecture: Administering first aid; medical responses to and treatment of victims in the event of a chemical incident
17:00 – 18:30	Distribution of individual protective equipment to participants
18:30 – 20:30	<i>Official dinner hosted by the Defence Science and Technology Organisation</i>
<i>Tuesday, 8 November 2022</i>	
08:30 – 09:15	Lecture: Individual protective equipment
09:15 – 10:00	Practical: Use of individual protective equipment (donning and doffing: MOPP ¹ levels 0-2)
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Break</i>
10:30 – 11:15	Practical: Use of individual protective equipment (continued) (donning and doffing: MOPP levels 3-4)
11:15 – 12:15	Lecture: Introduction to and use of detection equipment
12:15 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:15	Lecture: Introduction to and use of detection equipment (continued)
14:15 – 15:00	Practical: Removal of contaminated protective equipment (doffing)
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Break</i>
15:30 – 16:15	Lecture: Preparation for a response to an incident involving chemical weapons
16:15 – 17:00	Display: Familiarisation with detection and protection equipment
17:00 – 22:30	<i>OPCW official reception</i>

¹ MOPP = mission-oriented protective posture.

Time	Activity
<i>Wednesday, 9 November 2022</i>	
08:30 – 09:15	Demonstration: Detection, marking of contaminated area, and sampling techniques/procedure
09:15 – 10:00	Demonstration: Detection, marking of contaminated area, and sampling techniques/procedure (continued)
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Break</i>
10:30 – 11:15	Practical: Detection, marking of contaminated area, and sampling techniques/procedure
11:15 – 12:15	Practical: Detection, marking of contaminated area, and sampling techniques/procedure (continued)
12:15 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:15	Lecture: Introduction to and use of decontamination equipment
14:15 – 15:00	Lecture: Activities of protection operations during various stages of a chemical weapons-related incident
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Break</i>
15:30 – 16:15	Discussion: National presentations on protection programmes against chemical weapons
16:15 – 22:30	<i>Excursion/dinner</i>
<i>Thursday, 10 November 2022</i>	
08:30 – 09:15	Practical: Decontamination concepts and use of decontamination equipment
09:15 – 10:00	Exercise: Detection, evacuation, and decontamination techniques/procedure
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Break</i>
10:30 – 12:15	Exercise: Detection, evacuation, and decontamination techniques/procedure (continued)
12:15 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:00	Exercise: Detection, evacuation, and decontamination techniques/procedure (continued)
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Break</i>
15:30 – 16:15	Evaluation of the course by participants; Q&A session
16:15 – 22:30	<i>Excursion/dinner</i>
<i>Friday, 11 November 2022</i>	
08:30 – 10:00	Exercise: Detection, evacuation, and decontamination techniques/procedure (continued)
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Break</i>
10:30 – 12:15	Official closing ceremony
12:15 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:15	Maintenance and equipment handover
14:15 – 22:30	<i>Excursion/dinner</i>
<i>Saturday, 12 November 2022</i>	
	Departure of participants

Revised Guidelines For OPCW Sponsored Events

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- . Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, Technical Secretariat (OPCW-TS) identifies requirements of different States Parties and invites nominations every year for Safety and Security of Chemical Industries, Laboratory Skill Development, Customs, Assistance and Protection against the use of Chemical Weapons and internship for University Students.
- . The event calendar for training/workshop/seminar/meeting etc. provided by the OPCW annually is being uploaded on the National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention (NACWC) website seeking nominations from various stakeholders. The aforesaid training calendar and related Office Memo's (OMs) are uploaded on NACWC's website along with OPCW-TS Note. Several subject specific trainings are also communicated to concerned Central/ State Departments and Private Institutions for seeking nominations.
- . The nominations of Central Government Departments/Institutions/Organizations while sending the nominations (in the format provided by TS, OPCW) are requested to adhere to the NACWC stated deadlines. Nominations of Central Government officials should invariably be accompanied with Departmental vigilance clearance certificate. The nominations from Central Government Departments/Institutions/Undertakings should fill the details through OPCW training management system, routing the application through the concerned Ministry. The details to be filled online are stated in Annexure-I.
- . The nominations of State Government Institutions/private entities/individuals should be routed through concerned Department/Ministry under the respective State Government filling the details online through OPCW training management system. The details to be filled online are stated in Annexure-II.
- . The nominations of Central/State/Private entities/individuals for the OPCW sponsored events on Chemical Emergencies/Disaster Management should be sent through proper channel and routed through concerned Department/Ministry under the respective Central/State Government by filling the details through OPCW training management system. The details to be filled online are stated in Annexure-III.
- . For chemical facilities Private entities/individuals for the OPCW sponsored events other than Chemical Emergencies/Disaster Management are required to be filled on line through OPCW training management system. The details to be filled online are stated in Annexure-IV.
- . The details of nominations for the OPCW sponsored events can be filled online through OPCW Training Management System (<https://training.nacwc.gov.in>) available on the NACWC web portal (<https://nacwc.nic.in>).

The nomination by NACWC for the concerned training/workshop/seminar/meeting etc. will be purely on the basis of merit i.e. preference will be given to Schedule-2 and 3 chemical facilities as well as candidates working with the National Authority or other Government Agency responsible for implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention. The Endorsement letter, subsequent to the approval of Chairman, NACWC will be issued to nominee of Central/State/Private Entities. If the OPCW requests that the nominations are to be submitted online then it will be the responsibility of nominated individual(s) to fill the personal and other details on-line on the OPCW website (<http://apps.opcw.org/eventus>) and the nominee(s) should ensure that Performa prescribed in the Format of EVENTUS also is filled by them and the prescribed guidelines are required to be fulfilled by the nominee(s). The OPCW will communicate the invitation to the nominee(s) subject to fulfilling the requirement.

It is expected that the Nominee(s) exhibit excellent conduct while attending the concerned event. After completion of the training/seminar/workshop, a detailed report along with presentation is required to be submitted to the NACWC.

While proceeding to attend the concerned event organized by the OPCW, the nominee:

Should have basic knowledge of the CWC Act, 2000.

Make sure about the passport i.e. valid and protect the passport and report it promptly if it is lost, stolen or damaged during the period of a specific program.

Must familiarize with the visiting countries.

Make sure about the proper visas for the countries the participant is visiting or transiting and check any other entry or exit requirements.

Take personal responsibility for travel choices, safety, finances and behavior overseas, including obeying the laws of the visiting country.

If get arrested or detained for some reason, insist on Consular access (under the Vienna Convention) to a representative from the nearest Indian Embassy/Consulate.

Make sure of proper coordination with the NACWC (contact point JS/JD Tel. No: 24675763/24675691) and the Indian Embassy in the concerned visiting country.

Presentation may be given in the specific event by the participant(s) should be in consultation with the NACWC.

Should not illuminate irrelevant information which has national concern during the program.

Who is outside from the Government Sector should adhere to the instructions given by the representative from the NACWC.

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Should focus on the subject matter for which the event is being organized.

Are expected to implement the lessons learnt from the event attended in his day-to-day working/duties.

Should share their lessons/experiences acquired during the event attended with the NACWC and parent institution.

Must submit individual tour report to the NACWC within one week period after returning from the program attended.