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राष्ट्रीय प्राधिकरण रासायनिक हथियार समझौता / National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention

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दिनांक/ Date: 01 May, 2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Call for nominations to the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) - regarding.

The undersigned is directed to inform that the National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention (NACWC), Cabinet Secretariat has been mandated to fulfil, on behalf of the Government of India, the obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention and to act as the national focal point for effective liaison with the Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and other State Parties on matters relating to the Convention.


2. The Technical Secretariat of the OPCW, vide Note No. S/2362/2025 dated 29th January 2025, has requested States Parties to nominate experts in the fields of:

- **Chemical Industry, Artificial Intelligence (AI);**
- **Chemical Analysis and Detection;**
- **Molecular Design and Synthesis;**
- **High-throughput Experimentation;**
- **Chemical Weapons Destruction;**
- **Central Nervous System (CNS)-acting chemicals;**
- **Forensic Science, Chemical Safety and Security and**
- **Big Data/Informatics and Analytics**

for consideration and selection to the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) of OPCW. In its continued efforts for gender equality, the OPCW encourages nomination of female candidates. A copy of the aforesaid Note is enclosed herewith for perusal. You are requested to circulate this O.M to all concerned Laboratories/Departments/Institutes under your Ministry for sending nominations to NACWC for domain experts in the above fields.

3. It is therefore requested to kindly send requisite nomination(s) of domain experts, in the prescribed proforma (enclosed), to NACWC for consideration and onward transmission to OPCW. The last date for submission of complete/ dully filled in nomination(s) to the NACWC is 31st May, 2025.

Encl. - As above.


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To- As per list

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2. Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Room No. 218, A-Wing, 2nd Floor, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001.
3. Secretary, Department of Fertilizers, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Room No. 217, A-Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001.
4. Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), 1st Floor, Electronics Niketan, 6, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi: 110003.
5. Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Room No. 115, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001.
6. The Director, Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi Okhla Industrial Estate, Phase III, (Near Govind Puri Metro Station), New Delhi, India – 110020.
7. Secretary, Department of Science & Technology (DST), Ministry of Science & Technology, Room No. 404, 4th Floor, Technology Bhawan, New Mehrauli Road, Adchini, New Delhi – 110016.
8. Secretary, Department of Defence, Ministry of Defence, Room No. 101-A, South Block, New Delhi-110011.
9. Finance Secretary & Secretary(EA), Ministry of Finance, Room No. 130, North Block, New Delhi – 110011.
10. Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman, DRDO, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), DRDO Bhawan, Rajaji Marg, New Delhi-110011.
11. Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Room No. 156-A, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi – 110011.
12. Secretary (Revenue), Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Room No. 128-A, North Block, New Delhi – 110011.
13. Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Room No.-204, Khurshid Lal Bhawan, Janpath, New Delhi-110001.
14. Additional Secretary/ DG (DMEO)/ PD (Communication/ Admin), NITI Aayog, Room No. 512, New Delhi.
15. Colonel PP (Concepts & Training), Directorate General of Perspective Planning (CBRN), General Staff Branch, IHQ of Ministry of Defence (MoD), (Army), Room No.-123, 'A' Wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi – 110011.
16. Special Secretary, Internal Security Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, Room No. 196, North Block, New Delhi – 110001.
17. Additional Secretary, Disaster Management, Ministry of Home Affairs, Room No. 171B, North Block, New Delhi – 110011.
18. The Director General, Directorate of NDRF, 6th floor, NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi – 110001.
19. Joint Secretary, D&ISA Division, Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi – 110001.

20. The Director General, Indian Chemical Council (ICC), Sir, Vithaldas Chambers, 6th Floor, Mumbai Samachar Marg, Mumbai – 400 001, Maharashtra.
21. The Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), post box no. 4911, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi – 110011.
22. The Joint Secretary (Administration), Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Anushakti Bhavan, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Marg, Mumbai – 400001, Maharashtra.
23. Director General, Soldier Support System, Defence Research & Development Organisation, Ministry of Defence, DRDO Bhawan, Rajaji Marg, New Delhi-110011.
24. Director General, CSIR & Secretary DSIR, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Anusandhan Bhawan, 2 Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Marg, New Delhi – 110 001.
25. The Director, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), CV Raman Rd, Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560012.
26. The Director, National Physical Laboratory (NPL), Dr. KS Krishnan Marg, Pusa, New Delhi – 110012.
27. The Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Krishi Bhawan, Raisina Road, Opposite Rail Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001.
28. Joint Secretary, AYUSH Bhawan, B Block, GPO Complex, INA Colony, New Delhi – 110023.
29. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi – 110003.
30. The Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC), Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi – 110002.
31. The Joint Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & technology, 6th – 8th floor, Block 2, CGO Complex, Lodhi road, New Delhi – 110003.
32. The Director, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Homi Bhabha Road, Colaba, Mumbai – 400005.
33. The Director, National Chemical Laboratory, Dr. Homi Bhabha Road, Pune - 411 008, Maharashtra.
34. The Director, Defence Research & Development Establishment (DRDE), Jhansi Road, Gwalior-474 002, Madhya Pradesh.
35. The Director, Institute of Pesticide Formulation Technology (IPFT), HSIDC, Sector 20, Udyog Vihar Opposite Ambience Mall, Gurugram, 122016.
36. The Director, Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT), Uppal Rd, IICT Colony, Tarnaka, Hyderabad, Telangana – 500007.
37. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Bombay, Main Gate Rd, IIT Area, Powai, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400076.
38. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Mandi, Parashar Road, Tehsil Sadar, Near Kataula, Kamand, Himachal Pradesh 175005.
39. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Delhi, IIT Delhi Main Rd, IIT Campus, Hauz Khas, New Delhi, Delhi 110016.
40. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Indore, Khandwa Rd, Simrol, Madhya Pradesh 453552.
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42. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Hyderabad, IITH Road, Near NH-65, Sangareddy, Kandi, Telangana 502285.

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43. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Jodhpur, NH 62, Surpura Bypass Rd, Karwar, Rajasthan 342030.
44. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Kanpur, Kalyanpur, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh 208016.
45. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Madras, Indian Institute Of Technology, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600036.
46. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Gandhinagar, Palaj, Gandhinagar, Gujarat - 382355.
47. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Patna, Indian Institute of Technology Patna, Bihta, Patna, Bihar - 801103.
48. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Roorkee, Roorkee - Haridwar Highway, Roorkee, Uttarakhand - 247667.
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50. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - (BHU) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh 221005.
51. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Guwahati, Surjyamukhi Road, North, Amingaon, Guwahati, Assam 781039.
52. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Bhilai, IIT Bhilai, Government Engineering College Campus, Old Dhamtari Road, Sejbahar, Raipur, Chhattisharh, 492015.
53. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Goa, IIT Goa, Goa Engineering College Campus "Bhausahab Bandodkar Technical Education Complex" Farmagudi, Ponda, Goa - 403401.
54. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Palakkad, Ahalia Integrated Campus, Kozhippara, Palakkad 678557, Kerala.
55. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Tirupati, Yerpedu - Venkatagiri Road, Yerpedu Post, Tirupati District, A.P - 517619.
56. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Jammu, Jagti, NH-44 , PO Nagrota, Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir - 181 221.
57. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Dharwad, IIT Dharwad, WALMI Campus Belur Industrial Area, PB Road Post Mummigatti, Dharwad-580001 Karnataka.
58. Center Head, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Pune University Campus, Ganesh Khind, Pune - 411 007, Maharashtra
59. The Director, National Forensic Sciences University, Gandhinagar-382007, Gujarat.
60. All concerned.

**OPCW****Technical Secretariat**

S/2362/2025
29 January 2025
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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD**

1. The Technical Secretariat (the Secretariat) wishes to inform States Parties that seven members of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) will end their term of office on the Board in 2025. These Board members are listed in Annex 1 to this Note.
2. In light of the above, the Secretariat invites States Parties to nominate experts for consideration for selection to the SAB. Each State Party may nominate up to two candidates. In its continued quest for gender equality, the Secretariat requests that, should any given State Party wish to put forward two nominations, one of the two nominated candidates be female. The final appointments will be made by the Director-General after an internal selection process. The terms of reference (TOR) of the SAB, which are annexed to a decision of the Conference of the States Parties at its Second Session (C-II/DEC.10/Rev.1, dated 2 December 2004), stipulate in paragraph 6 that “[t]he term of office of members of the Board shall be three years. A Board member may serve for two consecutive terms”.
3. With reference to paragraph 4 of the aforementioned TOR, nominees to be proposed should be eminent persons who serve in research institutions, universities, scientific industries, and/or defence and military organisations, who will be selected on the basis of their expertise in one or more of the particular scientific fields relevant to the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Convention). The Secretariat encourages States Parties and their National Authorities to further disseminate this call to the appropriate industrial, academic, and government entities so that interested qualified candidates can be better identified. Paragraph 4 of the TOR further stipulates that “[p]reference shall be given to persons who are knowledgeable about the relevant scientific and technological developments, and who are familiar with the implementation of the Convention. Efforts shall be made to maintain a balance between the areas of research, development and applications”. Nominees should be proposed on the basis of their qualifications and experience, with States Parties taking into account their publication record, scientific, academic or professional activities, distinctions, and international and scientific advisory experience.
4. When selecting candidates for nomination, States Parties are encouraged to take into consideration that transdisciplinary (“convergent”) scientific practices are a driver for innovation and rapid technological evolution. Candidates whose areas of expertise reach across traditional disciplinary boundaries are particularly well suited to serve on the Board.



5. In light of the expertise held by those leaving the SAB in 2025, the considerations mentioned in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, and the need for technical expert advice on issues that have both immediate and long-term implications for the implementation of the Convention, States Parties may wish, this year in particular, to nominate candidates with expertise in chemical industry, artificial intelligence, chemical analysis and detection, molecular design and synthesis, high-throughput experimentation, chemical weapons destruction, central nervous system-acting chemicals, forensic science, chemical safety and security, and big data/informatics and analytics. The Board's report to the Fifth Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (RC-5/DG.1, dated 22 February 2023) serves as a resource for the breadth of issues the SAB has recently considered.
6. Nominees should be ready to make substantive contributions at SAB meetings, during the intersessional periods, and at other relevant science and technology events. All nominees are requested to submit a written statement describing how they intend to have a substantial impact on the work of the SAB and the OPCW. The OPCW provides simultaneous interpretation in all six of the OPCW official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish) during official SAB sessions.
7. The Secretariat requests States Parties to submit nominations via email to the Secretary to the SAB (peter.hotchkiss@opcw.org) using the attached nomination form (Annex 2), **by 31 August 2025**. The completed form should be accompanied by the curriculum vitae of the nominee and by the written statement in English (up to 500 words) mentioned in paragraph 6 above. All nominations must be endorsed by either a State Party's Permanent Representation to the OPCW or its National Authority, or both.

Annexes:

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| Annex 1: | List of Scientific Advisory Board Members Whose Second Term of Office is Due to Finish in 2025 |
| Annex 2 (English only): | Nomination Form |

Annex 1**LIST OF SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS
WHOSE SECOND TERM OF OFFICE IS DUE TO FINISH IN 2025**

Name	State Party	Date of End of Current Term of Office
Captain Elma Lilia Biscotti	Argentina	31 December 2025
Prof. Fengxia Sun	China	31 December 2025
Dr Anne Bossée	France	31 December 2025
Prof. Imee Su Martinez	Philippines	31 December 2025
Prof. Victor Kholstov	Russian Federation	31 December 2025
Dr Nomandla Magnificent Vela	South Africa	31 December 2025
Dr Norman Govan	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	31 December 2025

Annex 2

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

NOMINATION FORM

Please submit the completed form, together with the nominee’s curriculum vitae and a statement by the nominee of how he/she intends to have a substantive impact on the work of the SAB and the OPCW, via email by **31 August 2025** to:

Peter Hotchkiss (peter.hotchkiss@opcw.org)
Secretary to the Scientific Advisory Board

Please type or use BLOCK LETTERS

1.	Title	
2.	Family name*	
3.	First name(s)*	
4.	Date of birth	Day Month Year
5.	Citizenship	
6.	Gender	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Relevant areas of expertise** and how these would support the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention	
8.	Work/roles similar to those of a Scientific Advisory Board member that the nominee has successfully undertaken previously***	
9.	Employer	
10.	Position	
11.	Contact address	
12.	Email address	
13.	Telephone numbers, including country and city codes	Work: Mobile:

* Please give the first and family names exactly as they appear in the nominee’s passport.
** See paragraphs 3 to 5 of the cover Note above, to which this nomination form is attached.
*** See paragraph 6 of the cover Note above, to which this nomination form is attached. The nominee should be prepared to provide contact details of referees from such work.