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Government of India
Cabinet Secretariat
National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention

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New Delhi, dated 09th October 2020
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

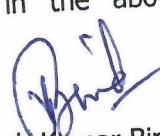
Subject: Invitation to nominate candidates for an On-line Basic Course on Chemical Emergency Response for Asian States Parties, 15-18 November 2020 - regarding.

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the TS Letter No. L/ICA/APB/224260/2020 dated 02 October 2020, received from Technical Secretariat, Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), seeking nominations on the above mentioned subject.

2. In line with above, nominations of a suitable, qualified and experienced Officer(s) of an appropriate level in your Organization may be sent to this office latest by 23rd October 2020. Head of the concerned Department/ Organization may also certify that the applicant is clear from vigilance angle and that no departmental proceeding against the nominee is contemplated. It may also be certified that the training Programme would enhance the skills of the implementation of CWC in India.

3. It is further informed that, the 'Revised Guidelines for OPCW sponsored Events' issued and hosted by National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention (NACWC), Delhi on its website must be followed while forwarding the nomination to this office. This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority. Further, the nominated person has to submit a tour report and presentation to the National Authority after attending the above programme. The said course is purely technical in nature and is meant for specialists (having good command of the English language, both written and oral) who are, or will be, associated with the training of civilians and/ or first responders in their home countries in protection against chemical weapons. Applicants who have already participated in the above programme previously will not be considered for the course.

Encl: As above


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L/ICA/APB/224260/2020

The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and the Government of Malaysia wish to invite Asian Member States to nominate candidates for an On-line Basic Training Course on Assistance and Protection against Chemical Weapons and Emergency Response to Chemical Incidents, which will be held from 15 to 18 November 2020.

This virtual course is a capacity-building initiative within the framework of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention to support the OPCW member states in the region to strengthen their capacity in responding to incidents involving Chemical Warfare Agents (CWAs) and Toxic Industrial Chemicals (TICs), which will directly benefit their civilian populations.

Participants completing the basic course will acquire a general knowledge of chemical-warfare agents, of individual protective equipment, and of detection and decontamination equipment and techniques, as well as an understanding of emergency response to an incident involving chemical warfare agents or other toxic chemicals.

The course 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 and on offers that have been made by Member States to the OPCW under Article X.

Given the purpose of the course, candidates will be carefully selected and priority will be given to first responders with experience in the field of chemical emergency response.

The course will be conducted in English and no interpretation services of any kind will be available. All participants are therefore expected to have a good command of English, both written and oral.

Interested applicants are invited to register their nomination online through EVENTUS – the OPCW event management system **no later than 30 October 2020**. 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 in order for the nomination to be received and for the candidate to be considered for this event.

The endorsement form attached as Annex 2 to this letter must be completed, signed and stamped by the National Authority and uploaded during the course registration process.

All participants will receive a certificate of attendance upon successfully completion of the on-line course.

The provisional outline of the course and the endorsement form is included as Annex to this letter. For additional information, please contact Mr Shahriar Khateri, Senior Program Officer (+31 (0)70 416 3231), email Shahriar.Khateri@opcw.org.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shahriar', is positioned below the closing 'Yours sincerely,'.

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

Annexes:

Annex 1: Course outline

Annex 2: Endorsement letter

**ON-LINE BASIC COURSE ON CHEMICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE
FOR ASIAN STATES PARTIES**

15-18 NOVEMBER 2020

Course outline

Organizers:

OPCW Technical Secretariat – Malaysian National Authority for CWC – Fire and Rescue
Department of Malaysia FRDM

Course duration:

Four days (3 days for asynchronous section and 1 day for synchronous –online- section)

*(A) Topics to be delivered in advance through OPCW remote education platform
(Talentsoft) on 15-16 and 17 November:*

- Pre-Assessment (multiple choice questions)

Module 1: CWC & Article X

- Chemical Weapons Convention and its Article X on Assistance and Protection
- Implementation of Article X of CWC in Asia
- Implementation of CWC in Malaysia

Module 2: Introduction

- Introduction to CWAs/TICs and their classifications

Module 3: Protection

- Basic principles of protection against CWAs and TICs
- Personal Protective Equipment PPE
- Demo video on donning and doffing of PPE (Level C)

Module 4: Detection

- Basic Principles of detection of CWAs and TICs
- Detection Strategies and equipment
- Demo video on Detection equipment

Module 5: Decontamination

- Basic principles of decontamination and decontaminants
- Mass decontamination
- Demo video on setting up a Decon station and personnel decon methods

Module 6: Reconnaissance and evidence collection

- Conducting reconnaissance in a contaminated environment
 - Basics of evidence collection methods and equipment
 - Demo video on evidence collection and sampling in a contaminated environment
- Post- assessment

(B) Live session - Thursday 18 November 2020

- Opening remarks : representatives of the OPCW, Malaysian National Authority and FRDM
- Update on OPCW capacity building program under Article X in relation with COVID-19 restrictions
- Summary of the modules and topics covered during the course
- Discussion, Q&A session
- Feedback from course participants
- Closing Remarks – OPCW,NACWC, FRDM

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ENDORSEMENT BY THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY

This form needs to be signed, duly sealed, and uploaded when an application is submitted
<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus>

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 On-line Basic Training
Course on Assistance and Protection against Chemical Weapons and Emergency Response to
Chemical Incidents, which will be held from 15 to 18 November 2020.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Official seal of the Organisation: