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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR A GENERAL TRAINING COURSE ON THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION FOR THE PERSONNEL OF NATIONAL AUTHORITIES AND RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS 19 – 22 APRIL 2021

1. The Technical Secretariat of the OPCW (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) is pleased to announce a four-day general training course on the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) for the personnel of National Authorities and relevant stakeholders, to be held online from 19 to 22 April 2021.
2. The purpose of the course is to assist States Parties in complying with their obligations under the Convention by enhancing the knowledge and skills of the personnel of National Authorities and relevant stakeholders. The specific objective of the course is to fulfil the aims set out in the action plan for the implementation of obligations under Article VII of the Convention.
3. The general training course is intended primarily for the personnel of National Authorities and their relevant stakeholders who are responsible for the specific tasks involved in implementation of the Convention at the national level, but who have little or limited knowledge in this area (normally, newcomers).
4. The course will include self-paced learning based on resources available on TalentSoft, the OPCW online learning platform (to be completed before 19 April 2021), followed by three interactive discussion and question-and-answer sessions.
5. The topics covered by this training course are as follows:
 - (a) an overview of the Convention and introduction to the OPCW;
 - (b) the role of the National Authority and other stakeholders in the implementation of the Convention;
 - (c) national implementation measures under Article VII;
 - (d) tools to assist with the identification of scheduled chemicals;
 - (e) activities monitored by Article VI of the Convention and related declaration requirements;
 - (f) Article VI inspections; and
 - (g) the identification of declarable activities and facilities.



6. The general training course will be conducted in English only. Participants are therefore expected to have good command, both written and oral, of the English language.
7. States Parties that have not previously had nationals participate in basic or similar courses organised by the Secretariat are particularly encouraged to submit applications for their candidates. Applications from individuals who have previously participated in basic courses for the personnel of National Authorities or annual or regional meetings of National Authorities will not be accepted for participation in the course.
8. A final quiz on all topics covered by the training event will be conducted on the last day of the course.
9. Interested applicants from National Authorities and their relevant stakeholders are invited to apply through Eventus—the OPCW Event Management System (<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus>). Applicants should create an account in Eventus and then register for the training course. The endorsement form, which is attached to this Note in annex, must be uploaded during the course registration process. All applications must be received by the Secretariat no later than **Friday, 9 April 2021**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Interested applicants who, for technical reasons, are unable to submit an application online are requested to send an email to the Implementation Support Branch of the International Cooperation and Assistance Division (alberto.fernandez@opcw.org) with a reference to the title of the event in the subject line of the message. The Secretariat will provide the necessary advice and assistance with the registration.
10. Additional information about the general training course may be obtained from the Implementation Support Branch. The contact person is Mr Vaclovas Semaskevicius, who may be reached by email (vaclovas.semaskevicius@opcw.org).

Annex: Endorsement by the National Authority

Annex**GENERAL TRAINING COURSE
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OF NATIONAL AUTHORITIES AND RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS
19 – 22 APRIL 2021****ENDORSEMENT BY THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY**

This form must be signed, duly sealed, and uploaded while submitting your application online (<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 application of Mr/Ms _____, holding the position/designation of _____ in the Office/Division/Branch of _____, for participation in the General Training Course on the Chemical Weapons Convention for the Personnel of National Authorities and Relevant Stakeholders, to be held online from 19 to 22 April 2021.

I also certify that the above candidate has not attended any similar basic course conducted by the OPCW or any annual or regional meetings of National Authorities.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Official seal of the Organisation: