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**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR A MEETING OF
GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS TO CONSIDER THE REPORT
SUBMITTED BY THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD TO THE
SECOND REVIEW CONFERENCE
THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS, 11 – 13 FEBRUARY 2009**

1. Following the recommendation of the Second Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (Second Review Conference) (subparagraph 9.133 of RC-2/4, dated 18 April 2008), and having consulted with the Chairperson of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”), the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) wishes to inform States Parties that a meeting of governmental experts will be convened under the auspices of the Council.
2. The objective of the meeting is to consider the suggestions and recommendations made by the Scientific Advisory Board in its report entitled “Report of the Scientific Advisory Board on Developments in Science and Technology” (RC-2/DG.1, dated 28 February 2008 and Corr.1, dated 5 March 2008) and to prepare a report for submission to the Council.
3. The meeting will be held from 11 to 13 February 2009 in the Ieper Room, OPCW headquarters, with morning sessions from 10:00 to 13:00 and afternoon sessions from 15:00 to 17:30. The meeting will be conducted in English. A provisional agenda is annexed hereto.
4. States Parties are invited to nominate scientific and technical experts who are knowledgeable on the topics discussed in the report of the Scientific Advisory Board to participate in the meeting. Nomination forms (see annex 2) should be sent to the Senior Planning Officer, Office of the Deputy Director-General, OPCW, either by e-mail or by fax.
5. Participants are requested to obtain any necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to the Netherlands. Participants requiring an entry visa are advised to contact the nearest diplomatic mission of the Netherlands as soon as possible.



Participants requiring assistance from the Secretariat may contact the Protocol Branch at either of the following numbers:

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Please note that the Secretariat cannot sponsor participation in this meeting.

Annexes:

Annex 1:	Provisional Agenda
Annex 2:	Nomination Form (English only)

Annex 1

**MEETING OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Introduction to the Note by the Director-General entitled “Report of the Scientific Advisory Board on Developments in Science and Technology” (RC-2/DG.1 and Corr.1)
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Advances in science and technology
5. Schedules of chemicals
6. Verification
7. Destruction of chemical weapons
8. Assistance and protection against the effects of chemical weapons, and international cooperation
9. Education and outreach in the context of the Chemical Weapons Convention
10. Adoption of the report of the meeting of governmental experts

Annex 2

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NOMINATION FORM

Please submit the completed form **by 26 January 2009** to:
Senior Planning Officer, Office of the Deputy Director-General, OPCW
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¹ Please give the family and first names as they appear in the nominee's passport. Incorrect or insufficient information may result in travel-related difficulties.
² Please tick the appropriate box.
³ Reference paragraph 4 above.