



CENTRE FOR SECURITY COOPERATION

ORGANIZATION FOR THE PROHIBITION OF
CHEMICAL WEAPONS

CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION SEMINAR

*Co-organized with
Organization For The Prohibition Of Chemical Weapons*

15 - 19 February 2010, RACVIAC, Rakitje, Stari hrast 53, 10437 Bestovje, Croatia.

AGENDA

The purpose of this seminar is to discuss relevant issues related to CWC.

The seminar objectives are as follows:

- To clarify uncertainties in the submissions of Article X obligations of the CWC by the Member States to the OPCW;
- To inform the participants about OPCW's contribution to global anti-terrorism efforts;
- To emphasize the importance of capacity building in the fight against Chemical Weapons Agents (CWA) and Toxic Industrial Chemicals (TIC), through projects on national and regional levels;
- To analyse updates on preparedness for the operations of Investigation of Alleged Use (IAU) and Delivery of Assistance (DA);
- To talk about regional support during IAU and DA in the field (ASSISTEX 3 exercise in Tunisia);
- To inform about the assistance offered by countries in the region under the Article X of CWC as well as their preparedness, reaction time, and provision of logistic support;
- To execute training with table exercises on Delivery of Assistance operations;

Time	Event	Location
Monday, 15 February 2010		
	Participants' arrival	Hotel Rakitje
16 00 - 1700	Final Coordination Meeting Attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lieutenant Colonel Stefan MIENE, PM CSE - Lieutenant Colonel Konstantinos ALEXOPOULOS, SME - Major Arjan GJYLA, SME - Lecturers from OPCW. <i>The purpose of this meeting is to provide the final organizational coordination among the executive academic Seminar personnel. This primarily includes final exchange of information.</i>	RACVIAC Briefing Room
19.00 - 21.00	Dinner	Restaurant

Tuesday, 16 February 2010

09.00 - 09.45	<p>Seminar Opening - Welcome Address Speaker: Director of RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation, Ambassador Nikola TODORČEVSKI. Opening Remarks by Mr John FREEMAN, Deputy Director of TS OPCW. Introduction of Seminar Agenda and Methodology. Moderator: Lieutenant Colonel Konstantinos ALEXOPOULOS, SME</p> <p><i>The OPCW chief representative will refer to the history of chemical disarmament and the steps that led to the signature of the CWC, establishing the OPCW. He will also cover the structure of the organization and its activities.</i></p> <p><i>Subsequently, each seminar participant will have a “thirty-second opportunity” to introduce her / himself to the audience and to highlight personal experiences in Chemical Weapons Convention issues, as well as to formulate expectations to the Seminar.</i></p>	Seminar room 310
09.45 - 10.30	<p><i>The History of Chemical Disarmament and the Steps that Led to the Signature of the CWC, Establishing the OPCW. The Structure of the Organization and its Activities.</i> Speaker: Mr Željko JERKIĆ, International Cooperation and Assistance Division (OPCW).</p>	Seminar room 310
10.30- 10.45	Questions and Answers	
10.45 - 11.10	Group Photograph, Coffee Break	
11.10 - 11.25	<p><i>IPACT (Implementation Program Against CBRNe Proliferation and Terrorism)</i> Speaker: Ambassador Fuad ŠABETA, Head of the Department for Peace and Security MFA of Bosnia and Herzegovina</p>	Seminar room 310
11.25 - 12.00	<p><i>OPCW Contribution to Global Anti-terrorism Efforts</i> Speaker: Mr Željko JERKIĆ, International Cooperation and Assistance Division (OPCW).</p>	
12:00- 12: 15	Questions and Answers	
12.15 - 12.35	<p><i>Short Overview of Provisions of Article X. Implementation Challenges in the Region-Interactive Brain Storming Session with the Participants.</i> Speaker: Mr Alexander STUDENIKIN, Assistance and Protection Branch (OPCW).</p>	Seminar room 310
12.35-12.45	Questions and Answers	
12.45 - 14.00	Lunch	RACVIAC Restaurant

14.00 - 14.35	<p>Submissions under Paragraph 4 of Article X CWC. Speaker: Mr Alexander STUDENIKIN, Assistance and Protection Branch (OPCW).</p> <p><i>For the purpose of increasing the transparency of national programmes related to protective uses, each State Party provides information on its protective programme on an annual basis. During this session the participants will discuss the templates for Paragraph 4 submissions.</i></p> <p>Submissions under Paragraph 7 of Article X Voluntary Fund, Bilateral Agreements, Unilateral Offers Speaker: Mr Alexander STUDENIKIN, Assistance and Protection Branch (OPCW).</p> <p><i>Each State Party undertakes to provide assistance through the Organization and to this end it chooses to take one or more of the following measures: contributing to the voluntary fund, concluding a bilateral agreement with the Organization or declaring the kind of assistance it might provide in response to an appeal by the Organization. The participants will discuss the template for Paragraph 7 submissions and for Bilateral Agreements.</i></p>	Seminar room 310
14.35-14.45	Questions and Answers	
14.45 - 15.15	Coffee Break	
15.15 – 15.45	<p>Regional Support for Investigation of Alleged Use (IAU) and Delivery of Assistance (DA) Operations. Assistance Offered by Countries – Analysis Speakers: Mr Alexander STUDENIKIN, Assistance and Protection Branch (OPCW).</p> <p><i>The presentation will provide information about the IAU and DA operations that OPCW executes throughout the world. It will also refer to the various kinds of assistance that the Member States offered to the abovementioned operations.</i></p>	Seminar room 310
15.45-16.00	Questions and Answers	
16.00 - 16.30	<p>Technical Secretariat Preparedness for Response in Case of a Request for Assistance - Qualified Experts Concept and ACAT Team Speaker: Mr Ervin FARKAS,Expert (OPCW).</p> <p><i>In cooperation with donor states, the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW is helping Member States to establish or increase their capacity to protect themselves from CW. The metrology of the above intervention will be discussed.</i></p>	
16.30- 16.45	Questions and Answers	
19.00 - 22.00	Welcome Dinner hosted by the Director of RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation Ambassador Nikola TODORČEVSKI.	Restaurant outside RACVIAC

Wednesday, 17 February 2010

Moderator: **Mr Željko JERKIĆ**, International Cooperation and Assistance Division (OPCW).

09.00 – 09.55	<p>Overview of Chemical Warfare Agents and Toxic Chemicals. Speaker: Mr Marian RUDOVIC, Inspectorate (OPCW).</p>	Seminar room 310
09.55 – 10.10	Questions and Answers	

10.10 - 1100	<i>Databank for Assistance and Protection.</i> Speaker: Mr Alexander STUDENIKIN, Assistance and Protection Branch (OPCW). <i>The presentation will analyse the role of the Databank - to provide access to the information related to State Parties offered under Article X, to enhance reliability and improve accuracy of information and to provide a means for fast retrieval of information for production of assistance packages and reports.</i>	
11.00-11.15	Questions and Answers	
11.15 - 11.45	Coffee Break	
11.45 - 12.25	<i>Investigation of Alleged USE (IAU).</i> Speaker: Mr Alexander STUDENIKIN, Assistance and Protection Branch (OPCW).	Seminar room 310
12.25-12.40	Questions and Answers	
12.40 - 14.00	Lunch	RACVIAC Restaurant
14.00 - 14.30	<i>Analysis of Scenarios for IAU and DA Operations. OPCW Readiness for Delivery of Assistance. OPCW Exercises for Delivery of Assistance. (DA)- Assistex 3 Tunisia</i> Speakers: Mr Ervin FARKAS, Expert (OPCW). <i>(ASSISTEX 3 is a field exercise that will be held in Tunisia in 2010).</i>	Seminar room 310
14.30 – 14.45	Questions and Answers.	
14.45 - 15.00	Coffee Break	
15.00 - 17.30	<i>National presentations on practical issues regarding controlling and declaring chemicals as well as the assets/capabilities that each country may provide in case of emergency response to threats involving chemical weapons (up to 10min/participant)</i> <i>Each national representative will deliver a ten-minute presentation on the national point of view on the abovementioned issues.</i>	Seminar room 310
19.00 - 20.00	Dinner	RACVIAC Restaurant

Thursday, 18 February 2010

Moderator: Mr Alexander STUDENIKIN, Assistance and Protection Branch (OPCW) .

09.00 – 11.15	<i>Response to CBR Security Incidents Scenario Based table-Top Exercise</i> Moderators: Mr Alexander STUDENIKIN, Mr Marian RUDOVIC, and Mr Ervin FARKAS (OPCW).	Seminar room 310
11.15 - 11.45	Coffee Break	
11.20 - 12.40	<i>Table-Top Exercise</i>	
12.40 - 14.00	Lunch	RACVIAC Restaurant
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14.45 - 15.00	Questions and Answers	
15.00 - 16.45	<i>Evaluation of the Seminar and conclusions on direction of future cooperation between RACVIAC-OPCW</i> Moderators: Mr Željko JERKIĆ, International Cooperation and Assistance Division (OPCW) and Lieutenant Colonel Konstantinos ALEXOPOULOS.	

	<i>All the participants and lecturers are expected to contribute substantially to the seminar conclusions, which will be an essential part of the seminar report to be compiled by the Course Director. The seminar report, indicating the way ahead, will be made available to all participants within a few days after the seminar through RACVIAC website and shall serve to all as a means of communication on the subject matter</i>	
16.45 - 17.30	Closing Remarks and provision of the Participation Certificates	
19.00 - 20.00	Dinner	RACVIAC Restaurant
Friday, 19 February 2010		
	Departure Day of all the participants	