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**Chemical Weapons Convention Seminar**  
**Co-organized with**  
**Organisation for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)**

<b>Dates</b>	17-20 March 2014
<b>Venue</b>	RACVIAC, Rakitje, Stari hrast 53, 10437 Bestovje, Croatia
<b>Background</b>	<p>Seminars focusing on the provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) have been organized annually since 2004 in cooperation with the OPCW. Seminars on the topic of the CWC serve as a forum for enhancing regional capacity building in the fight against CW. They also provide an opportunity to discuss practical challenges in building a response system to be employed in a scenario of CW use or a threat of CW use.</p> <p>The 2014 seminar is a continuation of a fruitful cooperation between RACVIAC and the OPCW in promoting the implementation of the CWC in SEE, which directly helps enhance regional stability, transparency and trust.</p>
<b>Purpose &amp; Objectives</b>	<p>The purpose of this seminar is to discuss relevant issues related to the CWC and to provide a broad overview of the Chemical Weapons Convention implementation procedures and a general outline of specific conditions in the region.</p> <p>The seminar objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To provide an overview of the CWC, Article X in particular, including major achievements and challenges;</li><li>• To clarify any uncertainties in the fulfilment of Article X obligations of the CWC by the Member States to the OPCW;</li><li>• To inform the participants about the implementation of Article X of the CWC and roles, capabilities of the OPCW under Article X of the CWC;</li><li>• To introduce a Chemical Incident Crisis Management exercise, in order for participants to see and learn how to react in those conditions</li><li>• 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;</li><li>• To update participants on Contingency Operations and to talk about regional support during operations in the field</li><li>• To enhance the knowledge of the participants about OPCW verification procedures, OPCW inspections;</li><li>• To provide information about the assistance offered by the countries in the region under Article X of the CWC, and about their preparedness, reaction time, and provision of logistic support;</li><li>• To execute training via a table-top exercise for typical Chemical Incident Consequence Management..</li></ul>
<b>Participants</b>	<p>Approximately 35 participants, namely three from each of the following countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Montenegro and Serbia. Representatives from each of the remaining MAG countries, the OSCE, relevant international organizations and academics will also be invited. They should be either senior and junior military or civilian recommendation-makers dealing with CWC issues and responsible for escorting inspections from the Secretariat of the OPCW. The content of this seminar will be of particular interest to the members of national authorities dealing with declarations.</p>
<b>Methodology</b>	<p>The duration of the seminar is 4 days. It will comprise presentations, discussions and exercises. The seminar will provide an appropriate setting and atmosphere to encourage focused discussions. The seminar's working language will be English (STANAG 3232).</p>
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