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The Provisional Technical Secretariat of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (the Commission) presents its compliments to the States Signatories and has the honour to invite them herewith to nominate candidates for participation in the 3rd on-site inspection (OSI) training cycle for surrogate inspectors in support of the continuation of training efforts as part of enhancing the OSI readiness towards entry into force of the Treaty.

The Commission calls upon States Signatories to submit nominations not later than 3rd May 2016. All nominations should be submitted through the National Permanent Mission in accordance with the attached announcement.

Candidates should be experts in one or more of the OSI inspection activities and techniques according to Paragraph 69 of Part II of the Protocol to the Treaty or have other expertise that is needed during an on-site inspection such as rapid deployment and in-field operations support, health and safety, and communications. The selection of trainees will be based on, inter alia, geographical distribution and gender balance. Details of entry qualifications and experience of candidates are attached for reference.

Candidates will be expected to participate in a series of training courses spaced out in a period starting in 2016 for approximately 3½ years. Participants who complete the training cycle will be added to the roster of OSI surrogate inspectors.

The Provisional Technical Secretariat of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization avails itself of this opportunity to renew to States Signatories the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 17 March 2016

Attachments: Announcement – Information and guidance of candidates  
Personal History Form (PHF) for nominees  
Competency Matrix  
Medical Questionnaire Form

To All States Signatories