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**Subject: Participative role of Indian Higher Education Institutes in scientific and technological fields relevant to Chemical Weapons Convention.**

Respected Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed a letter No.M-21011/9/2014-NA, dated 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 received from Shri Bhupendra Singh, IAS, Chairman of National Authority for Chemical Weapons Convention (NACWC), Cabinet Secretariat, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Chanakya Bhawan, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi which is self-explanatory.

You are requested to kindly go through the letter and in case your Institute has technical and scientific expertise in the field relevant to Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and is interested in establishing institute of excellence which can become national and international focal point for capacity building in matters relating to CWC, you may send letter of interest to NACWC under intimation to UGC.

The UGC and NACWC will provide all possible support in this endeavour.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

**( Rajnish Jain )**

**Encl: As above**

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Dear Prof. Singh

The National Authority for Chemical Weapons Convention (NACWC) has been set up under the Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India to fulfill the obligations of the Chemical Weapons Convention and acts as the National focal point for effective liaison with the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

- For effective implementation of the convention and to fulfill the obligations of the Government of India, NACWC needs active involvement of Indian Premier Institutions/ reputed Indian Universities for improved scientific and technological input relevant to the Convention. The World has seen an example of the Finnish Institute for verification of the Chemical Weapons Convention (VERIFIN) located within the Chemistry Department of the Kumpula Campus of the University of Helsinki. It was established as a continuation of Research Project in 1973 and today it is premier Institute of excellence carrying out several roles in support of chemical weapons disarmament and its main task is to develop improved methods of verification of chemical weapons disarmament.
- The OPCW offers several programmes relating to the Convention including *Internship Support*, providing work placements at the OPCW for a period of normally between three and six months, *Research projects support* for the development of scientific and technical knowledge, *laboratory assistance* to improve competence of labs, *Equipment exchange support* facilitating the transfer of used and functional equipment in publicly funded laboratories and in other academic institutions besides OPCW offers *analytical skills development course* to acquire practical experience in analysis of chemicals related to National implementation of CWC. The details of programmes are available on the website of OPCW and are updated on NCAWC website from time to time.
- With the active co-operation of NACWC, Gujarat Government has in principle agreed to set up an International Institute of Chemical Safety and Research (IICSR), Gandhinagar to serve as an Apex institute for management of hazardous chemicals.
- In the view of the above, NACWC seeks participative role of your premier Institution/ University in scientific and technological fields relevant to the Convention, so that subject specific institutions of excellence can be created in India which can become national and international focal points for capacity building in matters relating to CWC. The NACWC will provide all possible support in your pursuits in matters relating to the Convention.

Acknowledgement of this letter along with a sincere thought to the proposal shall be highly appreciated.

With warm regards

Yours sincerely,

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