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Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to invite your organization to nominate candidates to participate in the United Nations Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination (UN-CMCoord) course. This course aims to promote appropriate and effective humanitarian civil-military interaction in humanitarian emergencies through bolstered knowledge and understanding of UN-CMCoord principles and adherence to them. This includes the use of military and civil defence assets (MCDA) to better support the humanitarian community in delivering urgently needed goods and services to people-in-need.

The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) will host the event in partnership with the Canadian Army in Kingston, Canada from 26 to 31 October 2014. The training venue, accommodation and meals will be provided free of charge. Travel costs of participants will not be covered and hence, will be the responsibility of the participant and/or the sending office/organization.

The course will be residential, with 28 participants comprising of a diverse group of experienced men and women currently working in the Americas Region. This course will prioritise nominations from national disaster management authorities, military and civil defence organisations, Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, humanitarian NGOs and UN agencies. Selected participants are expected to arrive in Kingston on Sunday, 26 October, before 4:00 p.m., and depart from the venue on Friday, 31 October, anytime in the morning. The agenda, along with the administrative facts and background documents, will be shared with the selected participants at a later stage.

Please fill in the online application form before Friday, 12 September 2014 through the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/UNCMCoordCourseKingston>. The online application will be closed after this date. For more details on the application process, kindly contact Ms. Marie Mure (mure@un.org). You can also contact the course coordinator, Mr. Ronaldo Reario, of the Civil-Military Coordination Section for any further clarification at telephone number: +41 (0)22 917 1884 or e-mail: rearior@un.org.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Josef Reiterer', written over a white background.

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