



**RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

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PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO THE  
OPCW AT THE 100TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
UNDER AGENDA ITEM 19  
CONCERNING GERMANY'S INITIATIVE ON HOLDING EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
MEETINGS IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS**

We are grateful to our German colleagues for organising multilateral consultations on 27 June 2022 to discuss the initiative proposed by the German side on holding Executive Council meetings in emergency situations. This made it possible to get an idea of the approaches of different delegations on the matter. We highly value the readiness of the German delegation to take into account the interests of the States Parties and its efforts to achieve a consensus. We believe that all Council Member States are interested in reaching a solution that suits everyone. The Russian Federation is no exception. We are making efforts to find a compromise.

The principled position of the Russian Federation is well known at other international fora, including the United Nations: no virtual voting. Nevertheless, here in The Hague, we are trying to demonstrate as much flexibility as possible and have agreed to conducting votes through the exchange of notes verbales. We take the practice agreed upon within the United Nations for conducting this kind of remote meeting as the foundation of our approach.

In this regard, it would seem advisable to continue our work. For now, unfortunately, we cannot accept the draft in its current form.

We request that this statement be distributed as an official document of the 100th Session of the Council and published on Catalyst and the OPCW website.

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