



**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA
FOR THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION
OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES
28 NOVEMBER – 2 DECEMBER 2022**

This revised annotated provisional agenda¹ has been prepared by the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) to guide and assist Member States in their substantive preparations for the Twenty-Seventh Session of the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”). It lists the items of business for the session in the sequence in which they appear in the provisional agenda set out for it (see paragraph 4 below) (C-27/1, dated 19 July 2022).

1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the session

The Conference at its Twenty-Second Session decided to hold its Twenty-Seventh Session from 28 November to 2 December 2022 (paragraph 24.1 of C-22/5*, dated 1 December 2017). The Twenty-Seventh Session will open on 28 November 2022 at 10:00 in the King Willem Alexander Theater in the World Forum. The Chairperson of the Conference for its Twenty-Sixth Session, Ambassador Bård Ivar Svendsen of Norway, will open the Twenty-Seventh Session.

2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Election of the Chairperson

Paragraph 15 of Article VIII of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) provides, inter alia, that the Conference shall elect its Chairperson at the beginning of each regular session, and that the Chairperson shall hold office until a new Chairperson is elected at the next regular session.

3. AGENDA ITEM THREE – Election of Vice-Chairpersons and other officers

According to Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, the Conference shall elect 10 Vice-Chairpersons of the Conference, the Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole, and such other officers as it may decide to elect, having due regard to equitable geographical representation. Rule 35 states that such officers of the Conference shall hold office until their successors are elected at its next regular session.

¹ This document is issued for information purposes only and does not supersede in any way the provisional agenda for the Twenty-Seventh Session of the Conference of the States Parties, or prejudice the outcome of its deliberations.



4. AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Adoption of the agenda

According to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, any request for the inclusion in the agenda of supplementary items must be received not later than 30 days before the date set for the opening of any regular session. Because the Director-General had received no such request by 29 October 2022, the Conference is **requested**, subject to the recommendation of the General Committee, to approve the following agenda, which was circulated in C-27/1.

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AGENDA ITEM TEN – Annual report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention in 2021

AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Annual report of the Executive Council on the performance of its activities for the period from 13 July 2021 to 8 July 2022

AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – Election of Member States to membership of the Executive Council

AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – Mid-biennium Draft Revised Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2023, submitted by the Executive Council, and all items pertaining to this Budget

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AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-THREE – Follow-up to the Third Review Conference²

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-FOUR – Any other business

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-FIVE – Adoption of the report of the Conference of the States Parties

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-SIX – Closure

5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – Organisation of work and establishment of subsidiary bodies

The Conference is **requested** to consider such recommendations as the General Committee may make to it in accordance with Rule 43(b) of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, and to take such action as it deems appropriate.

6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – Appointment of the Credentials Committee

Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference provides that a Credentials Committee shall be appointed at the beginning of each session of the Conference; that it shall consist of 10 members, who shall be appointed by the Conference on the proposal of its Chairperson; that it shall elect its own officers; and that it shall examine the credentials of all representatives and report without delay to the Conference.

7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Statement by the Director-General

The Conference is **requested** to note the opening statement by the Director-General (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – General debate

- 8.1 Delegations are requested to provide their regional or national statements to the Secretariat for the Policy-Making Organs (national.statements@opcw.org) by 25 November 2022. These statements will be distributed, as provided, to all States Parties via the Organisation's external server. Statements provided in a language other than English will be translated into English by the Secretariat and uploaded to the external server as soon as possible.

² Review Conference = Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

8.2 Delegations are encouraged to submit their interventions in reply to any regional or national statement to the Secretariat for the Policy-Making Organs (national.statements@opcw.org) by 29 November 2022. These statements will also be distributed, as provided, to all Member States via the external server.

8.3 VIP representatives³ may address the Conference under the general debate by requesting a time slot to speak in person from the Secretariat for the Policy-Making Organs (ContactPMO@opcw.org) by no later than 12:00 (CET) on 27 November 2022. These statements may also be submitted via pre-recorded audio-visual messages. The video is to be submitted to web@opcw.org and will be uploaded to the public website (www.opcw.org), if requested, as described on the public website and in the “Guidelines for Delegates”, circulated to all States Parties under cover of a joint letter signed on 2 November 2022 by the Chairperson of the Twenty-Sixth Session of the Conference, the nominated Chairperson of the Twenty-Seventh Session of the Conference, and the Director-General.

9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – Status of implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention

Subitem 9(a): Progress report on the implementation of the plan of action regarding the implementation of Article VII obligations

9.1 Further to a decision by the Conference at its Fourteenth Session regarding the implementation of Article VII obligations (C-14/DEC.12, dated 4 December 2009), the Conference is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the “Overview of the Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2022” (EC-101/DG.13* C-27/DG.9, dated 9 September 2022, and Add.1, dated 3 October 2022); a report by the Director-General on the “Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2022: Article VII – Initial Measures” (EC-101/DG.16 C-27/DG.12, dated 15 September 2022); and a report by the Director-General on the “Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2022: Additional Measures for States Parties That Possess Industrial Facilities Which are Declarable Under the Convention” (EC-101/DG.14 C-27/DG.10, dated 12 September 2022).

Subitem 9(b): Implementation of the regime governing the handling of confidential information by the Technical Secretariat in 2021

9.2 The Conference is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the regime governing the handling of confidential information by the Secretariat in 2021 (EC-99/DG.9 C-27/DG.1, dated 17 February 2022).

Subitem 9(c): Implementation of the Conference of the States Parties and Executive Council decisions on destruction-related issues

9.3 Pursuant to a decision by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session (subparagraph 3(f) of C-16/DEC.11, dated 1 December 2011), the Conference is **requested** to undertake an annual review of the implementation of this decision at a specially designated meeting (or meetings) of the Conference.

³ In accordance with previous practice, VIP representatives of the States Parties are representatives ranking Deputy Minister level or higher.

- 9.4 Pursuant to the provisions of the same subparagraph of the above-mentioned decision by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session, “[e]ach possessor State concerned is to provide an annual report to the Conference of the States Parties, and provide an annual briefing at a closed meeting of the Conference of the States Parties, on the progress in the destruction of its remaining stockpiles of chemical weapons and identifying progress made since the last briefing in order to meet the planned completion date. These reports, and briefings, are to also include:
- (i) Reporting on any specific measures undertaken to overcome problems in the destruction programmes.
 - (ii) Information on the projected schedule for destruction activities to meet the planned completion date”.
- 9.5 Further to the same decision by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session (subparagraph 3(g) of C-16/DEC.11), “[t]he Director-General is to provide an annual written report to the Conference of the States Parties on the overall destruction progress by the possessor States concerned that is based on the independent information that is received by the Technical Secretariat from the Organisation’s inspectors undertaking verification in accordance with Part IV(A) D of the Verification Annex and that is to include information on:
- (i) The progress achieved to meet the planned completion date(s).
 - (ii) The effectiveness of any specific measures that have been undertaken to overcome problems in the destruction programmes”.

Subitem 9(d): Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use

- 9.6 The Conference at its Fourth Special Session adopted a decision entitled “Addressing the Threat from Chemical Weapons Use” (C-SS-4/DEC.3, dated 27 June 2018). Since the previous regular session of the Conference, and pursuant to paragraph 24 of the above-mentioned decision, the following documents have been circulated to the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”): EC-99/DG.8, dated 15 February 2022; EC-100/DG.13, dated 23 June 2022; and EC-101/DG.26, dated 29 September 2022.
- 9.7 At its Twenty-Fifth Session, the Conference adopted a decision “Addressing the Possession and Use of Chemical Weapons by the Syrian Arab Republic” (C-25/DEC.9, dated 21 April 2021). Since the previous regular session of the Conference, and pursuant to paragraph 8 of the above-mentioned decision, the following documents have been circulated to the Council: EC-99/DG.3, dated 23 December 2021; EC-99/DG.5, dated 24 January 2022; EC-99/DG.13, dated 24 February 2022; EC-100/DG.2, dated 24 March 2022; EC-100/DG.4, dated 25 April 2022; EC-100/DG.6, dated 24 May 2022; EC-100/DG.14, dated 23 June 2022; EC-101/DG.2, dated 22 July 2022; EC-101/DG.4, dated 24 August 2022; EC-101/DG.22, dated 23 September 2022; and EC-102/DG.1, dated 25 October 2022.

10. AGENDA ITEM TEN – Annual report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention in 2021

The Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt the draft report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Convention in 2021 (EC-100/2 C-27/CRP.1, dated 6 July 2022), which was considered and submitted to it by the Council at its 100th Session.

11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Annual report of the Executive Council on the performance of its activities for the period from 13 July 2021 to 8 July 2022

The Conference is **requested** to note the report of the Council on the performance of its activities for the period from 13 July 2021 to 8 July 2022, its Attachment entitled “Note by the Technical Secretariat: The Destruction of Chemical Weapons Abandoned by Japan in the People’s Republic of China”, and its Annex entitled “Actions Taken by the Conference of the States Parties at its Twenty-Sixth Session in Response to Recommendations Made by the Executive Council” (EC-101/3 C-27/2, dated 4 October 2022). The report will be introduced by the Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Ziad M. D. Al Atiyah of Saudi Arabia, who will also brief the Conference on any developments that have taken place since the cut-off date for the report (the briefing has been posted on the external server of the OPCW).

12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – Election of Member States to membership of the Executive Council

In accordance with paragraph 23 of Article VIII of the Convention and with Rule 83 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, the Conference is **requested** to elect 21 members to serve on the Council for a term of two years, starting on 12 May 2023. To ensure that the Council is constituted in accordance with paragraph 23 of Article VIII, the regional distribution of the elective places to be filled is to be as follows:

Africa:	five elective places
Asia and the Pacific:	six elective places
Eastern Europe:	two elective places
Latin America and the Caribbean:	three elective places
Western Europe and Other States:	five elective places

13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – Mid-biennium Draft Revised Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2023, submitted by the Executive Council, and all items pertaining to this Budget

- 13.1 At the 101st Session of the Council, the Secretariat circulated Notes by the Director-General entitled “Financial Status of the Special Fund for Cybersecurity, Business Continuity, and Physical Infrastructure Security” (EC-101/DG.23, dated 27 September 2022) and “Financial Status of the Special Fund for IT Infrastructure to Support Implementation of Decision C-SS-4/DEC.3” (EC-101/DG.17, dated 15 September 2022).

13.2 In accordance with subparagraph 32(a) of Article VIII of the Convention, the Council at its 101st Session considered the Draft Revised Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2023 (EC-101/DG.1/Rev.1, dated 22 September 2022 and Corr.1, dated 4 October 2022). The Council could not achieve consensus on the adoption of a draft decision on the Draft Revised Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2023, containing the recommendations of the Council (EC-101/DEC/CRP.5, dated 28 September 2022). Following a vote on the matter (paragraph 10.21 of EC-101/5, dated 7 October 2022), the Council adopted the decision and submitted the Draft Revised Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2023, together with its recommendation, to the Conference at its Twenty-Seventh Session (EC-101/DEC.6, dated 5 October 2022).

13.3 The Conference is **requested**, pursuant to subparagraph 21(a) of Article VIII of the Convention and Regulation 3.7(a) of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, and on the recommendation of the Council at its 101st Session (EC-101/DEC.6), to consider and adopt a draft decision on the Draft Revised Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2023 (C-27/DEC/CRP.4, dated 21 October 2022).

14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Scale of assessments for 2023

The Conference is **requested** to adopt, pursuant to Regulations 3.7(b) and 5.2 of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, a draft decision on the scale of assessments to be paid by States Parties for the financial year 2023 (C-27/DEC/CRP.6, dated 27 October 2022).

15. AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – External Auditor’s report on the audited Financial Statements of the OPCW and the Provident Fund for 2021

At its 101st Session, the Council noted the Financial Statements of the OPCW and the report of the External Auditor for the year ending 31 December 2021 (EC-101/DG.5 C-27/DG.5, dated 25 August 2022). In accordance with Regulation 13.10 of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, the report was forwarded to the Conference, which is **requested** to note it.

16. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Future procedures for the appointment of the External Auditor

16.1 Further to a decision by the Conference at its Twenty-Fifth Session (C-25/DEC.10, dated 21 April 2021), the Council at its Ninety-Seventh Session established the Working Group on the Manner of Appointment of the External Auditor (paragraph 12.1 of EC-97/3, dated 8 July 2021) to develop a proposal for the manner in which the Conference shall appoint the External Auditor of the OPCW in the future.

16.2 The report of the Working Group on the Manner of Appointment of the External Auditor was circulated to the Council at its 101st Session (EC-101/WP.1, dated 3 October 2022).

16.3 Based on the recommendation of the Council at its 101st Session (EC-101/DEC.7, dated 5 October 2022), the Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision entitled “Manner of Appointment of the External Auditor” (C-27/DEC/CRP.2, dated 20 October 2022).

17. AGENDA ITEM SEVENTEEN – Administrative and financial matters

Subitem 17(a): Special fund for OPCW special missions

- 17.1 At its 101st Session and in accordance with a decision by the Conference at its Twentieth Session (C-20/DEC.11, dated 3 December 2015), the Council considered and adopted a decision recommending the extension of the special fund for OPCW special missions for a period of one further year (EC-101/DEC.8, dated 6 October 2022), and transmitted it to the Conference for approval at its Twenty-Seventh Session. The Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the matter (C-27/DEC/CRP.1, dated 20 October 2022).

Subitem 17(b): Status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans to regularise the payment of their outstanding annual contributions

- 17.2 At its Eleventh Session, the Conference adopted a decision (C-11/DEC.5, dated 7 December 2006) on a mechanism to encourage States Parties that are in arrears to regularise the payment of their outstanding annual contributions through the use of multi-year payment plans, requesting the Secretariat to submit a report to it each year, through the Council, on the status of implementation of agreed multi-year payment plans as at the end of the quarter that falls immediately before the session of the Council that precedes the session of the Conference.
- 17.3 The Conference is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Director-General reporting on the status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans (EC-101/DG.6 C-27/DG.6, dated 25 August 2022) that the Council, at its 101st Session, considered and forwarded to it pursuant to the above-mentioned decision.

Subitem 17(c): Recommendation for write-offs of irrecoverable accounts receivable

- 17.4 The Council at its 101st Session considered a Note by the Director-General on the recommendation for write-offs of irrecoverable accounts receivable and losses of assets and recommended that the Conference at its Twenty-Seventh Session approve these write-offs, totalling EUR 6,802.95 (EC-101/DG.3 C-27/DG.4, dated 28 July 2022). The Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the matter (C-27/DEC/CRP.7, dated 27 October 2022).

Subitem 17(d): Transfers of funds during 2021

- 17.5 In accordance with Regulation 4.5 of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, all transfers between budget programmes shall be reported to the Conference. The Conference is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General on this matter (EC-100/DG.18 C-27/DG.3, dated 30 June 2022).

Subitem 17(e): Annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight for 2021

- 17.6 In accordance with Regulation 12.5 of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, the Director-General transmitted to the Conference, through the Council, the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2021, and the accompanying Note by the Director-General (EC-100/DG.3 C-27/DG.2, dated 11 April 2022), along with his own comments and any other comments made by the Council. The Conference is **requested** to note this report.

Subitem 17(f): Rehiring of inspectors

- 17.7 At its Twenty-Fourth Session, the Conference adopted a decision on the rehiring of inspectors (C-24/DEC.10, dated 28 November 2019) and reviewed its implementation at its Twenty-Sixth Session.
- 17.8 At its 101st Session, the Council adopted a decision on the rehiring of inspectors (EC-101/DEC.5, dated 5 October 2022), and transmitted it to the Conference for approval at its Twenty-Seventh Session. The Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the matter (C-27/DEC/CRP.9, dated 17 November 2022).

Subitem 17(g): Amendments to the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules

- 17.9 At its 101st Session, the Council adopted a decision entitled “Amendments to the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules” (EC-101/DEC.1, dated 4 October 2022), and transmitted it to the Conference for approval at its Twenty-Seventh Session. The Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the matter (C-27/DEC/CRP.5, dated 27 October 2022).

18. AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN – Fostering of international cooperation for peaceful purposes in the field of chemical activities

- 18.1 The Conference at its Sixteenth Session adopted a decision regarding components of an agreed framework for the full implementation of Article XI of the Convention (C-16/DEC.10, dated 1 December 2011), and requested the Secretariat to report to the Conference at each annual session on the progress of concrete measures undertaken in implementing the decision, and on the status of implementation of Article XI.
- 18.2 The Conference is **requested** to note a report by the Director-General on the progress made and review of the status of implementation of Article XI of the Convention for the period from 26 August 2021 to 25 August 2022 (EC-101/DG.9 C-27/DG.7, dated 31 August 2022).
- 18.3 The Conference will receive a report by the facilitator for Article XI issues, Ms Fatima Hamdia Tanweer of Pakistan, on activities held during the intersessional period (the report will be posted on the external server of the OPCW).

19. AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN – Ensuring the universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention

- 19.1 The Council at its Twenty-Third Meeting adopted an action plan for the universality of the Convention (EC-M-23/DEC.3, dated 24 October 2003). The plan requested the Director-General, inter alia, to submit to the Conference at its regular sessions an annual report on the implementation of the action plan, and to keep the Council regularly informed, so that the Conference and the Council may review progress and monitor its implementation effectively.
- 19.2 The Conference is **requested** to note the annual Note by the Director-General reporting on the implementation of the action plan for the universality of the Convention during the period from 16 August 2021 to 15 August 2022 (EC-101/DG.15 C-27/DG.11, dated 13 September 2022), and to take any further steps it might consider necessary.

20. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY – The OPCW Programme for Africa

The Conference is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General on the Programme to Strengthen Cooperation with Africa on the Chemical Weapons Convention (EC-101/DG.12 C-27/DG.8, dated 7 September 2022).

21. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-ONE – Engagement with the chemical industry and the scientific community

The Conference is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General on engaging the chemical industry associations (C-27/DG.14, dated 20 October 2022).

22. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-TWO – Reports of subsidiary bodies

Committee of the Whole

- 22.1 The Committee of the Whole is expected to report on the results of its consideration of those agenda items that the Conference refers to it at the recommendation of the General Committee.

General Committee

- 22.2 The Conference is **requested** to note the reports that the General Committee will prepare in accordance with Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, and to take such action as it deems appropriate.

Commission for the Settlement of Disputes Related to Confidentiality

- 22.3 The Conference is **requested** to note the report of the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the Commission for the Settlement of Disputes Related to Confidentiality (hereinafter “the Confidentiality Commission”) (CC-24/1, dated 9 September 2022).
- 22.4 The Conference is **requested** to elect 20 members of the Confidentiality Commission for a term of two years, starting from 1 May 2023. In accordance with Rule 2(b) of the Operating Procedures of the Confidentiality Commission (C-III/DEC.10/Rev.2, dated 4 December 2013), the States Parties belonging to each of the five regions specified in paragraph 23 of Article VIII of the Convention shall select four candidates from among the persons nominated by the States Parties in their region, to serve in a personal capacity. The same Rule also states that the States Parties in each of the regional groups shall do their utmost, through a process of consultation, to reach consensus on their selection; that a list of 20 candidates reflecting the selection of the regional groups shall be submitted to the Conference; and that the decision on appointment shall be taken by the Conference as a matter of substance, in accordance with paragraph 18 of Article VIII of the Convention. Rule 3 of the aforementioned operating procedures stipulates that members shall take up their appointment for a period of two years, starting from 1 May in the year immediately following the session of the Conference at which they were appointed, and that anyone who has completed three consecutive terms as a member of the Confidentiality Commission shall not be eligible for immediate reappointment.

- 22.5 The Conference is also **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on amendments to the Operating Procedures of the Confidentiality Commission (C-27/DEC/CRP.8, dated 17 November 2022).

Credentials Committee

- 22.6 The Conference is **requested** to consider and approve the report of the Credentials Committee on the credentials of representatives to the Twenty-Seventh Session of the Conference (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

- 22.7 At its Eleventh Session, the Conference adopted a decision establishing a Committee on Relations with the Host Country (hereinafter “the Host Country Committee”) (C-11/DEC.9, dated 7 December 2006). Pursuant to this decision, the Conference is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Host Country Committee entitled “Report of the Nineteenth Meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country – Record of Discussions Held on 7 April 2022” (EC-100/HCC/1 C-27/HCC/1, dated 13 May 2022).
- 22.8 The Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Ziad M. D. Al Atiyah of Saudi Arabia, is expected to report to the Conference on the status of the work of the Host Country Committee.

Advisory Board on Education and Outreach

- 22.9 The Conference is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Director-General reporting on the activities of the Advisory Board on Education and Outreach (ABEO) covering the period from 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 (EC-101/DG.20 C-27/DG.13, dated 19 September 2022).
- 22.10 The Secretariat circulated a statement by Mr Shahab Ud Din, Chairperson of the ABEO (the statement will be posted on the external server of the OPCW).

Scientific Advisory Board

- 22.11 The Secretariat circulated a statement by Mr Günter Povoden, Chairperson of the Scientific Advisory Board (the statement will be posted on the external server of the OPCW).

23. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-THREE – Follow-up to the Third Review Conference

In paragraph 9.17 of its report (RC-3/3*, dated 19 April 2013), the Third Review Conference expressed its intention to keep the declarations contained in paragraphs 9.3 to 9.16 of that document under review at each regular session of the Conference. The most recent such document is EC-101/S/2 (dated 9 September 2022). The Conference is **requested** to note the activities in furtherance of its review of the declarations contained in paragraphs 9.3 to 9.16 of RC-3/3*.

24. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-FOUR – Any other business

The Chairperson of the Bureau of the Open-Ended Working Group for the Preparation of the Fifth Review Conference, Ambassador Lauri Kuusing of Estonia, is expected to report to the Conference on its activities.

25. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-FIVE – Adoption of the report of the Conference of the States Parties

26. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-SIX – Closure

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