



OPCW

Review Conference

Fifth Session
15 – 19 May 2023

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**TENTATIVE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO REVIEW
THE OPERATION OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION
(FIFTH REVIEW CONFERENCE)
15 – 19 MAY 2023**

Monday, 15 May 2023

10:00 – 13:00

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| Agenda Item 1 | Opening of the Fifth Review Conference |
| Agenda Item 2 | Election of the Chairperson |
| Agenda Item 3 | Election of Vice-Chairpersons and other officers |
| Agenda Item 4 | Adoption of the agenda |
| Agenda Item 5 | Organisation of work and establishment of subsidiary bodies |
| Agenda Item 6 | Opening statement by the Director-General |
| Agenda Item 7 | Report of the Chairperson of the Executive Council on the preparations for the Fifth Review Conference |
| Agenda Item 8 | General debate |

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| Agenda Item 8 | General debate (continued) |
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Tuesday, 16 May 2023

10:00 – 13:00

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| Agenda Item 8 | General debate (continued) |
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15:00 – 18:00

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| Agenda Item 8 | General debate (continued), followed by a plenary meeting for presentations by non-governmental organisations (pursuant to paragraph 3 of RC-3/DEC/CRP.4, dated 5 April 2013) |
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Agenda Item 9

Review of the operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention as provided for in paragraph 22 of Article VIII, taking into account any relevant scientific and technological developments:

Report of the Chairperson of the Open-Ended Working Group for the Preparation of the Fifth Review Conference

Wednesday 17 May 2023

10:00 – 13:00

Agenda Item 9

Review of the operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention as provided for in paragraph 22 of Article VIII, taking into account any relevant scientific and technological developments (continued):

Statement by the Chairperson of the Scientific Advisory Board regarding the report of the Scientific Advisory Board on developments in science and technology to the Fifth Review Conference (RC-5/DG.1, dated 22 February 2023)

- Subitem 9(a) The role of the Chemical Weapons Convention in enhancing international peace and security and in achieving the objectives as set forth in the preamble of the Convention
- Subitem 9(b) Ensuring the universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention
- Subitem 9(c) Implementation of the provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention relating to:
- Verification-related issues
- (i) general obligations and declarations related thereto
Special meeting pursuant to paragraph 3(h) of C-16/DEC.11 (dated 1 December 2011)
 - (ii) reports by the Director-General on destruction-related issues
 - (iii) destruction of chemical weapons, including implementation of the Conference of the States Parties and Executive Council decisions on destruction-related issues
 - (iv) destruction or conversion of chemical weapons production facilities
 - (v) verification activities of the OPCW
 - (vi) activities not prohibited under the Chemical Weapons Convention
 - (viii) consultations, cooperation, and fact-finding

15:00 – 18:00

Subitem 9(c) Implementation of the provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention relating to (continued):

Enhancing international cooperation and assistance

- (vii) national implementation measures
- (ix) assistance and protection against chemical weapons
- (x) economic and technological development

Organisational governance

- (xi) Articles XII to XV and final clauses
- (xii) the protection of confidential information

Subitem 9(d) The general functioning of the OPCW

Thursday, 18 May 2023

10:00 – 13:00

Preparations for the outcome of the Fifth Review Conference

15:00 – 18:00

Preparations for the outcome of the Fifth Review Conference (continued)

Friday, 19 May 2023

10:00 – 13:00

Agenda Item 10

Reports of subsidiary bodies

Agenda Item 11

Any other business

Agenda Item 12

Adoption of the final documents of the Fifth Review Conference

15:00 – 18:00

Agenda Item 12

Adoption of the final documents of the Fifth Review Conference (continued, if required)

Agenda Item 13

Closure