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**REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM  
IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTY-SECOND SESSION  
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
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By letter dated 3 May 2013, and pursuant to Rule 16(c) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”), the Permanent Representative of the United States of America has requested the Chairperson of the Council, H.E. Ambassador Ms Bhaswati Mukherjee, to include an additional agenda item entitled “Organisation of follow-up to the Third Review Conference” in the provisional agenda for the Seventy-Second Session of the Council. The cover letter and explanatory memorandum are annexed hereto.

Annex (English only):

Letter to the Chairperson of the Executive Council from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America with explanatory memorandum, dated 3 May 2013



**Annex**

**LETTER TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FROM THE  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
WITH EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM, DATED 3 MAY 2013**



OFFICE OF  
THE AMBASSADOR

U.S. DELEGATION TO THE ORGANIZATION FOR  
THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS

*The Hague, the Netherlands*

May 3, 2013

H.E. Ms. Bhaswati Mukherjee  
Chairman of the Executive Council  
Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons  
The Hague

Dear Madame Chairman:

As agreed at this morning's informal consultations to prepare for Executive Council Session 72, the United States Delegation has revised its explanatory memorandum to explain our proposal for a new agenda item for EC-72.

As stipulated in Rule 18 of the Council's Rules of Procedure, our new explanatory memorandum is attached.

Thank you for your support. Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert P. Mikulak". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Robert P. Mikulak  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of the  
United States of America to the OPCW

cc:

H.E. Mr. Ahmet Üzümcü  
Director-General  
OPCW

Mr. Konstantin Gavrilov  
Secretary to the Policy Making Organs  
OPCW

3 May 2013

Explanatory Memorandum

Proposal for a New EC Agenda Item Entitled "Follow-Up to the Third Review Conference"

As delegations will recall, in the Political Declaration contained in the Final Report of the Third Review Conference (Part A, paragraph 9.17) the States Parties underlined their intention "to keep the above mentioned declarations under review at each regular session of the Conference of the States Parties." To facilitate this process the United States Delegation has proposed a regular agenda item for each session of the Executive Council, entitled "Follow-Up to the Third Review Conference." This review would focus, as appropriate, on both parts, A and B, of the Final Document. In EC-72 this item could be entitled "Organization of Follow-Up to the Third Review Conference." Our intention is to help ensure that the Final Report remains a "living document" and is not simply put on the shelf, to be dusted off just before the next Review Conference.

Under the proposed agenda item, States Parties could review progress related to any of the commitments and recommendations contained in either part of the Final Document. In some cases, in particular at EC-72, States Parties might wish to seek one or more papers from the Director-General to serve as the basis for future discussions of particular issues. For example, drawing on Part A, paragraph 9.14 of the Final Report, States Parties might seek the ideas of the Director-General for ensuring continuity in the knowledge base and expertise of the OPCW, so that the Council can consider this issue.

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