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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
6 – 8 MAY 2013**

By letter dated 2 May 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Ecuador, and pursuant to Rule 16(c) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”), Ecuador on behalf of the GRULAC¹ has requested the Chairperson of the Council, H.E. Ambassador Ms Bhaswati Mukherjee, to include an additional agenda item entitled “Status of implementation of Article XI” in the provisional agenda for the Seventy-Second Session of the Council. The cover letter and explanatory memorandum are annexed hereto.

Annexes (English only):

- Annex 1: Letter to the Chairperson of the Executive Council from the Permanent Representative of Ecuador, dated 2 May 2013
- Annex 2: Explanatory memorandum from the Permanent Representative of Ecuador, dated 2 May 2013

¹ GRULAC = Group of Latin American and Caribbean States



Annex 1

**LETTER TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FROM THE
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ECUADOR, DATED 2 MAY 2013**



The Hague, 2 May 2013

No. 4-9-~~25~~25/2013

Subject: Request for inclusion of a new item for the agenda of the EC 72

Excellency,

Pursuant to the petition articulated by GRULAC during the Bureau meeting of the Executive Council on Wednesday, 1 May 2013, I would like to formally request, on behalf of the GRULAC, the inclusion of an item to the agenda of the forthcoming Seventy-Second Session of the Executive Council on the "Status of the Implementation of Article XI".


Miguel Calahorrano Camino
Ambassador of Ecuador



To:
H.E. Bhaswati Mukherjee
Chairperson of the Executive Council
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the OPCW

CC:
H.E. Ambassador Ahmet Üzümcü
Director General of the OPCW

Mr. Konstantin Gavrilov
Director and Secretary to PMO of the OPCW

Annex 2

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM FROM THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF ECUADOR, DATED 2 MAY 2013**



The Hague, 2 May 2013

No. 4-9-~~26~~/2013

Subject: Request for inclusion of a new item for the agenda of the EC 72

Excellency,

Pursuant to my previous letter, and in accordance with the Rules of Procedures of the Executive Council (Rule 18), I would like to hereby forward you a written explanatory memorandum on behalf of the GRULAC.



Miguel Calahorrano Camino
Ambassador of Ecuador

To:
H.E. Bhaswati Mukherjee
Chairperson of the Executive Council
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the OPCW

CC:
H.E. Ambassador Ahmet Üzümcü
Director General of the OPCW

Mr. Konstantin Gavrilov
Director and Secretary to PMO of the OPCW

Subject: **Explanatory Memorandum of the request of GRULAC to include a new item on the agenda of the Executive Council (EC-72)**

GRULAC in its meeting held on 2 May 2013 decided to send a communication to the Chairperson of the Executive Council to include a new item on the agenda of the Seventy-Second Session of the Executive Council, according to the following argumentation:

“Status of the Implementation of Article XI”

As it is stated in the facilitation mandate, the facilitator should report in each session of the Executive Council the activities that took place during the intersessional period.

Therefore, it is necessary that the facilitator presents in a specific item of the agenda a detailed report on the meeting that took place before the Third Review Conference, in which the Technical Secretariat made a presentation on the status of the implementation of Article XI, and several delegations discussed on the best way to carry on such implementation. It is not enough that this issue is only presented by the Vice Chair in charge of Article XI, as it does not provide the necessary space for delegations to discuss and debate.

A written report of the Director General should not be a requisite to request the specific discussion of such important issue. There are many precedents of sessions of the Executive Council in which, without a written report from the Director General, and after the formal presentation of the Vice Chair, there is a specific item in the agenda for the facilitator to present the activities and results, allowing for a proper discussion that is later on reflected in the final report of the EC.

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