

**NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT****MATRIX OF ACTIONABLE ITEMS IDENTIFIED AT THE
THIRD REVIEW CONFERENCE***

1. Agenda item 10 of the report (EC-72/4, dated 7 May 2013) of the Seventy-Second Session of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) stated that “The Council discussed the organisation of the follow-up to the Third Review Conference. The Director-General confirmed that the Secretariat will produce a matrix document based on the report of the Third Review Conference (RC-3/3*), focusing on actionable items, taking into account the cluster structure of the Council, as well as ongoing facilitations, to avoid duplication of effort, and covering the history of recommendations and actionable items, as appropriate. The document will be made available to the Council by early June 2013, prior to its next regular session”. The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) has thus prepared a matrix based on the report of the Third Review Conference (RC-3/3*, dated 19 April 2013), which is attached as the Annex to this Note.
2. In accordance with the mandate provided, the matrix is intended to support States Parties and the Secretariat in following-up on the implementation of the actionable items of the report of the Third Review Conference. In the form of a “handbook” or guide for quick reference, the matrix aims at presenting a comprehensive overview on, inter alia, mandates, recommendations, and facilitations in the various clusters of the Council. Given the five-year cycles of Review Conferences, this document is produced in the spirit of a “living document” which could be reviewed and updated on an annual basis. The Secretariat will keep States Parties informed of the status of actionable items that fall under its purview.
3. Where appropriate, the matrix provides (in column 4) an indication of where, based on a preliminary assessment by the Secretariat, the provision of additional resources could be considered to implement the recommendations of the Third Review Conference. Pending further review, the Director-General intends to include such items in the draft Programme and Budget for 2014 or later budgets, as appropriate. The items contained in the matrix will also be used to further develop the Medium-Term Plan.

Annex: Matrix of Actionable Items Identified at the Third Review Conference

* Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.



Annex

MATRIX OF ACTIONABLE ITEMS IDENTIFIED AT THE THIRD REVIEW CONFERENCE

RC-3/3* Ref.	Task	Cluster¹ / Facilitation	Follow-up	History of Recommendations²
Part A: Political Declaration				
9.17	Intention to keep ... declarations (mentioned in paras. 9.3 to 9.16) under review at each regular session of the Conference of the States Parties	n/a	Council and Conference to review; States Parties to take action, as required; Secretariat to take action, as required	
Part B: 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				
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				
9.31	Called upon those States Parties that continue to maintain reservations to the 1925 Geneva Protocol related to the Convention to withdraw them and to notify the Depositary of the 1925 Geneva Protocol accordingly ... invited States Parties to inform the next regular session of the Conference when a reservation to the 1925 Geneva Protocol is withdrawn	Cluster IV	States Parties to take action	

¹ Cluster I: Chemical Weapons Issues; Cluster II: Chemical Industry and Other Article VI Issues; Cluster III: Administrative and Financial Issues; Cluster IV: Legal, Organisational and Other Issues.

² The reference to "Issues under Regular Consultation and Outstanding Issues on the Agenda of the Executive Council" (EC-72/INF.1, dated 7 March 2013) is included if the issue is already on the agenda of the Executive Council.

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Ensuring the Universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention				
9.34	Called for the adequate funding for the OPCW's universality activities, through the regular budget and voluntary funding	Cluster III (budget facilitation)	Conference and Council to take action; States Parties to take action; Secretariat to take action	(EC-72/INF.1, Section III.1 of Annex 1)
9.37	Reaffirmed the importance of the Action Plan on Universality (EC-M-23/DEC.3, dated 24 October 2003) and the subsequent decisions of the Conference to regularly review the results and implementation of it and to take any decision it deems necessary addressing, in particular, the status of those States not Party whose non-adherence is a cause for serious concern	Cluster IV (universality facilitation)	Conference and Council to continue to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action	EC-M-23/DEC.3; C-16/DEC.16 (EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.5 of Annex 1)
9.39(b)	Requested the States Parties to intensify further their efforts with all States not Party to encourage them to ratify or accede to the Convention at the earliest, with a view to achieving full universality	Cluster IV (universality facilitation)	States Parties to take action	Para. 9.18 of RC-2/4; C-16/DEC.16 (EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.5 of Annex 1)
9.39(c)	Requested the Secretariat and the Director-General to make full use of all available opportunities and resources including new mechanisms such as special envoys, as and when considered appropriate by the Director-General, to pursue this goal at all levels, including in close cooperation with other international, regional, and subregional organisations	Cluster IV (universality facilitation)	Secretariat to take action (provision of additional resources to be considered)	Paras. 9.16 and 9.18 of RC-2/4; C-16/DEC.16 (EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.5 of Annex 1)
9.39(d)	Request the policy-making organs to continue to annually review ongoing efforts to achieve universality	Cluster IV (universality facilitation)	Conference and Council to continue to take action	C-16/DEC.16 (EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.5 of Annex 1)

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General Obligations and Declarations Related Thereto				
9.44(a)	Called upon those States Parties that had yet to submit their initial declarations to do so as a matter of urgency	Cluster I	States Parties to take action	Para. 9.23 of RC-2/4
9.44(b)	Requested the Secretariat to deploy continued efforts in support of those States Parties and to keep the Council informed of progress in the preparation and submission of Article III initial declarations	Cluster I	Secretariat to continue to take action	Para. 9.23 of RC-2/4
9.44(c)	Called upon States Parties to ensure that their declarations under Article III are updated in a timely manner, if and when new information becomes available	Cluster I	States Parties to take action	Para. 9.34 of RC-2/4
9.44(d)	Called upon the Secretariat to continue rendering, when requested, technical assistance to States Parties on the preparation and submission of Article III declarations and amendments	Cluster I	Secretariat to continue to take action	Paras. 9.23 and 9.34 of RC-2/4
Destruction of Chemical Weapons, Including Implementation of the Conference of the States Parties and Executive Council Decisions on Destruction-Related Issues				
9.62(a)	Reaffirmed the decision that the destruction of the remaining chemical weapons in the possessor States concerned shall be completed in the shortest time possible in accordance with the provisions of the Convention and its Annex on Implementation and Verification and with the full application of all the measures contained in decision C-16/DEC.11 on the final extended deadline of 29 April 2012	Cluster I	Possessor States Parties to continue to take action	C-16/DEC.11

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9.62(b)	Requested the Conference and the Council to continue to keep under review and oversee the completion of destruction of chemical weapons stockpiles and, in this regard, underlined the importance of continuing to receive the Director-General's confirmation that the necessary measures are being undertaken by the possessor States concerned to meet the planned completion dates for their destruction activities	Cluster I	Conference and Council to continue to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action	C-16/DEC.11
9.62(c)	Encouraged the Director-General to continue consulting with the possessor States concerned in order to continue improving the reporting that is required from the States Parties concerned ... requested that future reporting by the possessor States concerned , on the basis of C-16/DEC.11, continue to contain information on the progress achieved to meet the planned completion date by which the destruction of the remaining chemical weapons is to be completed	Cluster I	Secretariat to continue to take action; Possessor States Parties to continue to take action	C-16/DEC.11
9.62(d)	Requested the Director-General to continue to provide a written report to the Council and the Conference	Cluster I	Secretariat to continue to take action	C-16/DEC.11; EC-67/DEC.6
9.62(e)	Encouraged States Parties to continue addressing the issues related to new discoveries of old chemical weapons and of abandoned chemical weapons within the provisions of the Convention	Cluster I	States Parties to continue to take action	Para. 9.36 of RC-2/4
9.62(f)	Urged the relevant States Parties to continue to make the fullest possible efforts to complete destruction of abandoned chemical weapons as soon as possible in accordance with the Council decision (EC-67/DEC.6) and encouraged continued cooperation between relevant States Parties to that effect	Cluster I	Relevant States Parties to continue to take action	Para. 9.37 of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Section I.2 of Annex 1)

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Destruction or Conversion of Chemical Weapons Production Facilities				
9.66	Noted the decision by the Council (EC-67/DEC.7, dated 16 February 2012) that established the nature of continued verification measures at converted facilities for which 10 years have elapsed after the Director-General's certification of their conversion, and emphasised that the decision ensures that any verification measures applied to facilities converted over 10 years previously are consistent with the non-discriminatory and effective implementation of the Convention	Cluster I	Secretariat to continue to take action	EC-67/DEC.7
9.67(a)	Urged all relevant States Parties to complete the destruction or conversion of such facilities as soon as possible	Cluster I	Relevant States Parties to take action	Para. 9.38 of RC-2/4
9.67(b)	Requested the Council to continue to keep under review and oversee completion of destruction or conversion of CWPFs	Cluster I	Council to continue to take action	Para. 9.38 of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Sections I.3 and I.6 of Annex 1)
Verification Activities of the OPCW				
9.69	Called for the adequate funding for the OPCW's verification activities, through the regular budget and voluntary funding	Cluster III (budget facilitation)	Conference and Council to take action; States Parties to take action; Secretariat to take action	(EC-72/INF.1, Section III.1 of Annex 1)
9.71	Recognised the continued need for the OPCW to have up-to-date verification technologies at its disposal, and encouraged the Secretariat to continue to work with States Parties that wish to familiarise themselves with approved verification equipment	Clusters II and IV	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action (provision of additional resources to be considered)	C-I/DEC.71*
9.73	Requested the Secretariat to continue engaging States Parties in demonstrating the site-selection random processes and procedures in an effort to increase transparency and confidence	Cluster II (industry cluster facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action	(EC-72/INF.1, Section II.6 of Annex 2)

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9.76	Urged all States Parties to implement the standing arrangements required by the Convention without delay and in a manner fully consistent with the requirements of the Convention and its Verification Annex	Clusters II and IV (industry cluster and Article VII facilitations)	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist	Para. 9.47 of RC-2/4; (EC-72/INF.1, Section II.6 of Annex 2 and IV.3 of Annex 1)
9.77	Welcomed the benefit gained as a result of the Secretariat's practices related to sampling and analysis for verification purposes during Schedule 2 site inspections, and emphasised the importance of adequate and up-to-date analytical tools for the efficient, effective, and accurate conduct of on-site sampling and analysis	Cluster II (industry cluster facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action (provision of additional resources to be considered)	(EC-72/INF.1, Section II.6 of Annex 2)
9.79(a)	Requested the Secretariat to assist National Authorities, upon request, in building up and improving their capacity to fulfil their obligations under the verification regime , including in fulfilling their declaration obligations	Clusters II and IV (industry cluster and Article VII facilitations)	Secretariat to continue to take action	Para. 9.45 of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Section II.5 of Annex 2 and IV.3 of Annex 1)
9.79(b)	Encouraged States Parties' National Authorities in a position to do so, to submit declarations in an electronic form, and further requested the Secretariat to continue providing States Parties with appropriate training and assistance to enable them to submit declarations in an electronic form	Clusters II and IV (industry cluster and Article VII facilitations)	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action	Paras. 9.46 and 9.67(b) of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Section II.5 of Annex 2 and IV.3 of Annex 1)
9.79(c)	Stressed the importance for the Secretariat to maintain verification expertise relating to chemical weapons and requested the policy-making organs to support this objective	Cluster IV	Secretariat to continue to take action; PMOs ³ to take action	

³ PMOs = policy-making organs.

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9.79(d)	Encouraged the Secretariat to maintain and further develop, update and improve its practices in regard to its capability to perform sampling and analysis under the different scenarios envisaged in the Convention ... and in this context to maintain its efforts to keep updated the OPCW Central Analytical Database and to continue to submit proposed updates in this regard to the Council for its approval	Cluster IV	Secretariat to continue to take action	Paras. 9.49 and 9.67(c) of RC-2/4
9.79(e)	Encouraged the Secretariat through the National Authorities to continue to strengthen relations with respective national chemical industry. The Secretariat is also encouraged to strengthen its relationship with regional and international chemical industry associations	Clusters II and IV (industry cluster and Article XI facilitations)	Secretariat to continue to take action (provision of additional resources to be considered) States Parties to take action	Subpara. 9.116(h) of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1)
9.79(f)	Encouraged the Director-General to continue to render specialised advice to the policy-making organs and States Parties in the areas of science and technology relevant to the Convention on the basis of advice from the SAB ⁴	Clusters I and II (chemical weapons and industry cluster facilitations)	Secretariat to continue to take action	Subpara. 21(h) of Art. VIII of the Convention (EC-72/INF.1, Section II.1(ii) of Annex 2)
Activities Not Prohibited Under the Chemical Weapons Convention				
9.81	Called for the adequate funding for the OPCW's verification activities under Article VI, through the regular budget and voluntary funding	Cluster III (budget facilitation)	Conference and Council to take action; States Parties to take action; Secretariat to take action	(EC-72/INF.1, Section III.1 of Annex 1)
9.84	While noting that some States Parties have not yet submitted their initial declarations, recognised the need for a tailor-made assistance approach to improve the status of submission of declarations	Cluster IV (Article VII facilitation)	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action	(EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.3 of Annex 1)

⁴ SAB = Scientific Advisory Board.

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9.90	Noted that the Article VI verification system could be improved , taking into account any relevant changes in science and technology	Cluster II	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action	
9.92	Recalled the decision of the Council on measures regarding the transfer of Schedule 3 chemicals to States not Party to the Convention (EC-47/DEC.8, dated 8 November 2006) and noted the matter remains an issue under consideration of the Council ... encouraged the Council to continue with its work in this regard	Cluster II (industry cluster facilitation)	Council to continue to take action; Facilitation to be determined	EC-47/DEC.8 (EC-72/INF.1, Section II.4 of Annex 2)
9.93	Encouraged the cluster on chemical-industry and other Article VI issues to consult on the ways to reconcile such discrepancies	Cluster II (industry cluster facilitation)	Council to take action; facilitation to be determined; States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist	Para. 9.71 of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Section II.2(ii) of Annex 2)
9.95(a)	Called upon those States Parties that have not yet submitted their initial declarations to do so as soon as possible	Cluster IV (Article VII facilitation)	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist	(EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.3 of Annex 1)
9.95(b)	Called upon States Parties that have not yet implemented the decision on guidelines regarding low-concentration limits for declarations of Schedule 2A and 2A* chemicals to take necessary measures to expedite its implementation	Cluster II (industry cluster facilitation)	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist	C-14/DEC.4 (EC-72/INF.1, Section II.2 of Annex 2)
9.95(c)	Urged States Parties to ensure that declarations are submitted in a timely, complete and accurate manner , consistent with the provisions of the Convention, making use of the Secretariat's resources, as appropriate	Clusters II and IV (industry cluster and Article VII facilitations)	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist	(EC-72/INF.1, Section II.5 of Annex 2 and IV.3 of Annex 1)

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9.95(d)	Encouraged the Secretariat to continue to provide technical assistance to States Parties for the receipt of OPCW inspections, and other technical questions that may arise in the implementation of provisions related to activities not prohibited under the Convention	Cluster IV (Article VII facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action	Para. 9.59 of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.3 of Annex 1)
9.95(e)	Encouraged the Secretariat to continue to develop and periodically update existing databases on declarable chemicals, which facilitate the identification of such chemicals	Cluster II	Secretariat to continue to take action (provision of additional resources to be considered)	Para. 9.61 of RC-2/4
9.95(f)	Encouraged the Secretariat, in close cooperation with States Parties, to continue to make efforts to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the verification system	Cluster II (industry cluster facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action; States Parties to take action	Para. 9.57 of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Sections II.5 and 6 of Annex 2)
9.95(g)	Called upon States Parties and the Secretariat to continue working to identify the causes of discrepancies related to Article VI declarations, such as those relating to aggregate national data for Schedule 2 and 3 transfers, as well as OCPF ⁵ declarations, and recommend possible solutions and alternatives to the policy-making organs	Cluster II (industry cluster facilitation)	States Parties to continue to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action	Para. 9.71 of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Section II.2(ii) of Annex 2)
9.95(h)	In view of advances in science and technology, the development of the chemical industry, and the growth in the trade of chemicals, encouraged the Secretariat to continue to strengthen its relations with regional and international chemical industry associations	Clusters II and IV (industry cluster and Article XI facilitations)	Already covered under 9.79(e)	Subpara. 9.116(h) of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1)

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OCPF = other chemical production facility

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9.95(i)	Called upon States Parties to continue to use the cluster established by the Council on chemical-industry and other Article VI issues and to develop ways to improve the implementation of the industry verification regime	Cluster II (industry cluster facilitation)	States Parties to continue to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist	(EC-72/INF.1, Section II of Annex 1 and II of Annex 2)
National Implementation Measures				
9.97	Called for the adequate funding for the OPCW's national implementation programmes, through the regular budget and voluntary funding	Cluster III (budget facilitation)	Conference and Council to take action; States Parties to take action; Secretariat to take action	(EC-72/INF.1, Section III.1 of Annex 1)
9.103(a)	Called upon all States Parties to adopt, in accordance with constitutional processes, the necessary measures to fully implement their obligations under the Convention in line with the commitment reflected in paragraph 9.99	Cluster IV (Article VII facilitation)	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist	Para. 9.74 of RC-2/4; C-14/DEC.12 (EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.3 of Annex 1)
9.103(b)	Encouraged the States Parties which are yet to fulfil their obligations under Article VII to engage with the Secretariat on the steps that need to be undertaken for the national implementation of the Convention	Cluster IV (Article VII facilitation)	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist	(EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.3 of Annex 1)
9.103(c)	Encouraged the Secretariat to explore innovative methods of providing assistance on tailor-made approaches as a potential means to further advance the implementation of Article VII	Cluster IV (Article VII facilitation)	Secretariat to take action	C-14/DEC.12 (EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.3 of Annex 1)
9.103(d)	Called upon all States Parties to keep the effectiveness of national implementation measures under review so as to ensure at all times that the provisions of the Convention are implemented within their territory or in any other place under their respective jurisdiction	Cluster IV (Article VII facilitation)	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist	(EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.3 of Annex 1)

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9.103(e)	Encouraged the Secretariat, in concert with the SAB temporary working group on education and outreach, to assist States Parties, upon request, in implementing education and outreach activities , including by disseminating materials, conducting workshops and regional meetings	Cluster IV (Article VII facilitation)	Secretariat to take action	(EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.3 of Annex 1)
9.103(f)	Encouraged the Secretariat to develop, within existing resources, activities that will enhance South-South, regional, and subregional cooperation, as well as special programmes towards the full implementation of Article VII	Cluster IV (Article VII facilitation)	Secretariat to take action	(EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.3 of Annex 1)
9.103(g)	Encouraged States Parties and the Secretariat to continue to consult in order to enhance further the utility and effectiveness of all implementation-support programmes , and requested the Secretariat to evaluate these programmes and report to the Council	Cluster IV (Article VII facilitation)	States Parties to continue to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action	Para. 9.79 of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.3 of Annex 1)
9.103(h)	Requested the Secretariat to continue to submit its annual report on the implementation of Article VII to the Conference ... The Secretariat is further requested to include an assessment in this report, for consideration by the policy-making organs, containing a comprehensive and objective analysis of the current status of national implementation	Cluster IV (Article VII facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action	Paras. 9.79 and 9.80(c) of RC-2/4; C-14/DEC.12 (EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.3 of Annex 1)
9.103(i)	Encouraged the Secretariat to expand the use of contemporary technological developments to assist and promote its training methods , including further development of e-learning modules	Cluster IV (Article VII facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action (provision of additional resources to be considered)	(EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.3 of Annex 1)

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9.103(j)	Encouraged States Parties in a position to do so to continue to enhance their practical support for the implementation of Article VII obligations by those States Parties so requested	Cluster IV (Article VII facilitation)	States Parties to continue to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist	C-14/DEC.12 (EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.3 of Annex 1)
Consultations, Cooperation and Fact-Finding				
9.110	Welcomed the Supplementary Arrangement that the OPCW concluded with the United Nations in 2012 related to investigations of alleged use involving States not Party, and noted that in case the provisions of paragraph 27 of Part XI of the Verification Annex to the Convention or any other document related thereto and concluded between the OPCW and the United Nations are invoked, the Director-General will promptly inform the Council and all States Parties of the request and of the actions that the Secretariat is undertaking to respond to the request	Cluster IV	Secretariat to take action, when called upon	
9.111(a)	Encouraged States Parties to make further use, as appropriate, of the bilateral consultation mechanism provided by Article IX	Cluster IV	States Parties to take action	Para. 9.83 of RC-2/4
9.111(b)	Requested the Secretariat to continue to improve the standard of readiness to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use in accordance with the provisions of the Convention. To this end, it could continue to conduct table-top exercises and mock inspections	Cluster IV	Secretariat to continue to take action	Para. 9.90 of RC-2/4
9.111(c)	Requested the Secretariat to keep the Council informed about its readiness and to report any problems that may arise in relation to maintaining the necessary level of readiness to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use	Cluster IV	Secretariat to continue to take action	Para. 9.90 of RC-2/4

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9.111(d)	Encouraged States Parties in a position to do so to further assist the Secretariat in maintaining a high standard of readiness through, inter alia, the conduct of challenge inspection exercises	Cluster IV	States Parties to take action	
9.111(e)	Noted that a number of issues related to challenge inspections still remained to be resolved and that their resolution is important for challenge inspections, and requested the Council to continue its deliberations in order to resolve them expeditiously	Cluster IV	Council may consider reviving facilitation; Secretariat to assist	Para. 9.88 of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 2)
Assistance and Protection Against Chemical Weapons				
9.113	Called for the adequate funding for the OPCW's assistance and protection programmes, through the regular budget and voluntary funding	Cluster III (budget facilitation)	Conference and Council to take action; States Parties to take action; Secretariat to take action	(EC-72/INF.1, Section III.1 of Annex 1)
9.117	Encouraged States Parties to make equipment related to the means of protection against the use of chemical weapons available, without undue restrictions, to other States Parties	Cluster I (Article X facilitation)	States Parties to continue to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist	Para. 9.109 of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Section I.4 of Annex 1)
9.118(a)	Encouraged the Secretariat to take measures to further strengthen its capacity to respond promptly to requests for assistance under Article X and to investigate the alleged use of chemical weapons, including developing capabilities to undertake biomedical sampling and analysis	Cluster I (Article X facilitation)	Secretariat to take action (provision of additional resources to be considered)	(EC-72/INF.1, Section I.4 of Annex 1)

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9.118(b)	Encouraged the Secretariat to engage in more active cooperation with relevant regional and subregional organisations as well as international organisations that have mandates relevant to assistance and protection against chemical weapons. Such cooperation could include joint exercises and training including by the use of e-learning modules	Cluster I (Article X facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action	(EC-72/INF.1, Section I.4 of Annex 1)
9.118(c)	Encouraged the Secretariat to continue its efforts for capacity building at the regional and subregional level and to make better use of regional and subregional capacities and expertise for providing assistance to States Parties upon request; and called on States Parties in the regions and subregions concerned to cooperate closely and to participate in joint exercises and training programmes	Cluster I (Article X facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action; States Parties to take action	(EC-72/INF.1, Section I.4 of Annex 1)
9.118(d)	Encouraged the Secretariat to improve coordination in the selection of its regional assistance and protection activities with the States Parties in each region	Cluster I (Article X facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action	(EC-72/INF.1, Section I.4 of Annex 1)
9.118(e)	Urged all States Parties, particularly those that have not yet done so, to make their annual submissions of information on their national programmes related to protective purposes in a timely fashion, and requested the Secretariat to assist States Parties with the timely completion of their submissions	Cluster I (Article X facilitation)	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist	Para. 9.97 of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Section I.4 of Annex 1)
9.118(f)	Urged all States Parties that have yet to make offers of assistance to the OPCW to do so as required by Article X	Cluster I (Article X facilitation)	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist	Para. 9.102 of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Section I.4 of Annex 1)

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9.118(g)	Requested the Secretariat to continue evaluating the offers of technical assistance and donation of equipment and keep States Parties informed about how these can be optimised and about any problems requiring attention	Cluster I (Article X facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action	Para. 9.93 of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Section I.4 of Annex 1)
9.118(h)	Requested the Secretariat to review and keep up to date the OPCW data bank on protection, its current lists of experts, both within the Secretariat and from States Parties (including those listed in paragraph 7 of Part XI of the Verification Annex and those in the Protection Network)	Cluster I (Article X facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action	Paras. 9.98 and 9.99 of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Section I.4 of Annex 1)
9.118(i)	Encouraged States Parties to facilitate and make materials and equipment-related assistance available to other States Parties to assist and support the victims of chemical weapons, without undue restrictions	Cluster I (Article X facilitation)	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist	(EC-72/INF.1, Section I.4 of Annex 1)
9.118(j)	Encouraged States Parties to contribute to the voluntary fund regarding the International Support Network for Victims of Chemical Weapons in order to enhance the humanitarian aims of the network	Cluster I (Article X facilitation)	States Parties to take action	(EC-72/INF.1, Section I.4 of Annex 1)
9.118(k)	Encouraged the OPCW to engage in more active involvement and participation of relevant civil society organisations and chemical industry associations in the assistance and protection programmes	Cluster I (Article X facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action	(EC-72/INF.1, Section I.4 of Annex 1)
9.118(l)	Encouraged the Secretariat to include in its annual report on the of implementation of Article X an evaluation of the results of its programmes under Article X	Cluster I	Secretariat to continue to take action	

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Economic and Technological Development				
9.121	Called for the adequate funding for the OPCW's international cooperation and assistance programmes, through the regular budget and voluntary funding	Cluster III (budget facilitation)	Conference and Council to take action; States Parties to take action; Secretariat to take action	Para. 9.115 of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Section III.1 of Annex 1)
9.122	While noting States Parties' scientific and technological cooperation in the peaceful uses of chemistry on a non-discriminatory basis, the Third Review Conference called upon all States Parties to facilitate and enhance such cooperation	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	States Parties to take action	Para. 9.118 of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1)
9.126	Encouraged the promotion of a safety and security culture regarding chemical facilities and of transportation of toxic chemicals	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action (provision of additional resources to be considered); States Parties to take action	(EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1)
9.131(b)	Called upon States Parties to fully implement the provisions of Article XI , and encouraged States Parties to continue supporting the activities under Article XI, including through voluntary contributions	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	States Parties to continue to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action	Para. 9.114 of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1)
9.131(c)	Encouraged the Council to continue the ongoing facilitation process in order to deliberate and explore, as appropriate, additional measures within an agreed framework to ensure the full, effective, and non-discriminatory implementation of all provisions of Article XI	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	Council to continue to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist	Para. 9.114 of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1)

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9.131(d)	Requested the Secretariat to prepare and submit, on a regular basis, concrete programmes and actions relevant for States Parties related to the implementation of Article XI, as well as to report to the Conference on the progress made in the implementation of the decision on the components of an agreed framework for the full implementation of Article XI (C-16/DEC.10)	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action	(EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1)
9.131(f)	Recommended that all OPCW programmes relating to Article XI should be improved through evaluation of their effectiveness, with a view to ensuring that they are responsive to the needs of beneficiary States Parties, in order to optimise resource use and effectiveness. This should involve consultations between States Parties and the Secretariat, aimed at achieving a clear understanding of the competencies available, the needs of States Parties, and the requirements of the Convention	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action	(EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1)
9.131(g)	Encouraged the Secretariat and States Parties to consider augmenting programmes to assist States Parties, upon request, in maintaining and developing their analytical skills and laboratory capabilities in support of National Authorities	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action; States Parties to take action	(EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1)
9.131(h)	Requested the Secretariat to continue facilitating and promoting the provision, upon request, of expert advice on the peaceful uses of chemistry to and among States Parties, including supporting cooperation projects among States Parties	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action	(EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1)

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9.131(i)	Encouraged the Secretariat to coordinate its activities with those of other relevant international and regional organisations as appropriate, in order to build on existing competencies, develop synergies, and avoid duplication of efforts	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action	Subpara. 9.116(h) of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1)
9.131(j)	Encouraged the Secretariat to continue to develop relationships and partnerships with other relevant bodies, national and international, that are working to promote the peaceful and responsible use of chemistry, including capacity building	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action	Subpara. 9.116(h) of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1)
9.131(k)	Encouraged the States Parties and the Secretariat to promote the OPCW's role as a platform for voluntary consultation and cooperation among States Parties in the areas of chemical safety and security, including through the exchanges of information and best practices, and to support national capacity building, upon request	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to take action	(EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1)
9.131(l)	Encouraged the Secretariat to continue to develop relations and partnerships as appropriate with relevant regional and international organisations, as well as chemical industry associations, the private sector, academia, and civil society, in order to raise awareness of the Article XI activities of the OPCW	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action	Subpara. 9.116(h) of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1)
9.131(m)	Requested the Secretariat to make the information relevant to international cooperation activities available to the National Authorities in a timely fashion on the external server, as well as to make the above information more widely publicised	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action	(EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1)

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9.131(n)	Called upon the Secretariat to continue implementing the OPCW Programme to Strengthen Cooperation with Africa on the Chemical Weapons Convention, and other appropriate programmes, as well as to provide feedback on a regular basis on the activities and progress made in this regard	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action	(EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1)
9.131(o)	Encouraged the Secretariat to maintain an alumni association of the Associate Programme and other capacity-building programmes in order to preserve lessons learned and experience gained	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action	(EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1)
9.131(p)	Encouraged the Secretariat to expand the use of e-learning as one of the means for capacity-building and outreach activities	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action (provision of additional resources to be considered)	(EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1)
9.131(q)	Undertake to review their existing national regulations in the field of trade in chemicals in order to render them consistent with the object and purpose of the Convention	Cluster IV (Article VII facilitation)	States Parties to take action	(EC-72/INF.1, Section IV.3 of Annex 1)
The Protection of Confidential Information				
9.136(a)	While noting an increase in the number of States Parties that have provided the details of their handling of the information provided to them by the OPCW, urged the remaining States Parties to provide them expeditiously	Cluster III	States Parties to take action	Para. 9.123 of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Section III.1 of Annex 2)

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9.136(b)	Encouraged States Parties to review their practices in assigning levels of classification to confidential information, particularly that related to chemical weapons destruction, and if possible, and in accordance with the States Parties' confidentiality procedures, to adjust the classification level they assign to such information, in order to increase work efficiency and ensure the smooth functioning of the system to protect confidentiality	Cluster III	States Parties to take action	Para. 9.124 of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Section III.1 of Annex 2)
9.136(c)	Called on the Secretariat to continue assisting States Parties in improving their handling of confidential information	Cluster III	Secretariat to continue to take action	
9.136(d)	Encouraged the Secretariat and the Council to complete the ongoing work on the issue of developing and implementing guidelines regarding the long-term handling of confidential information	Cluster III (confidentiality issues facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action; For all issues related to handling confidential information, Council may consider establishing facilitation	Para. 9.125 of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Section III.4 of Annex 2)
The General Functioning of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons				
9.138	Called for the adequate funding for the functioning of the Organisation, through the regular budget and voluntary funding	Cluster III (budget facilitation)	Conference and Council to take action; States Parties to take action; Secretariat to take action	(EC-72/INF.1, Section III.1 of Annex 1)

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9.141	Noted the SAB report (RC-3/DG.1) and the response by the Director-General thereto (RC-3/DG.2, dated 31 January 2013) ... requested the Director-General and the Council to take into account the recommendations made therein	Clusters I and II (chemical weapons and industry cluster facilitations)	Secretariat to continue to take action; Council to take action	(EC-72/INF.1, Section II.1(ii) of Annex 2)
9.145	While reaffirming the autonomous and independent status of the OPCW, while bearing in mind that the OPCW is not an anti-terrorism organisation, took cognisance of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations on combating terrorism and, with a view to enabling States Parties that seek international cooperation in the context of their national, regional, and subregional efforts, underscored the need to explore further cooperation on this issue and build on existing work with relevant international organisations and international bodies that deal with the potential threats of chemical terrorism	OEWG ⁶ on Terrorism	States Parties to take action Secretariat to take action	(EC-72/INF.1, Annex 1)
9.146	Noted the relevance of the Council decision of 2001 (EC-XXVII/DEC.5, dated 7 December 2001) ... further encouraged the OEWG to continue to fulfil its mandate	OEWG on Terrorism	Council to continue to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action	EC-XXVII/DEC.5; Para. 9.137 of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Annex 1)
9.147	Noted the United Nations General Assembly resolution “Cooperative measures to assess and increase awareness of environmental effects related to waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea”, adopted at its 65th session by consensus, and invited States Parties to support voluntary sharing of information, raising awareness and cooperation on this issue	Cluster IV	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to assist	

⁶ OEWG = open-ended working group.

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9.149	<p>Welcomed the improvements to the budgetary process of the OPCW since the Second Review Conference ... commended the initiatives undertaken by the Secretariat, such as the adoption of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) and the ongoing implementation of results-based management (RBM) ... also reaffirmed the need for the Council, with the support of the Secretariat, to continue the monitoring and assessment of budgetary mechanisms, to ensure that objectives are being met</p>	Cluster III	Council to continue to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action	
9.150	<p>Encouraged States Parties that are in arrears to enter into a payment plan in this regard</p>	Cluster III	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to assist	Para. 9.144 of RC-2/4; C-11/DEC.5
9.152	<p>Recalled the decision of the Conference at its Sixth Session (C-VI/DEC.9, dated 17 May 2001) on the equal treatment of all official OPCW languages and called for further improvements, including regular updating of the website, sustaining the high level of translation, and continuing to meet the interpretation requirements at sessions of the Conference and the Council</p>	Cluster III	Secretariat to continue to take action (provision of additional resources to be considered)	C-VI/DEC.9; Para. 9.146 of RC-2/4
9.154	<p>Urged continued consultations to make progress on outstanding issues related to the implementation of the Headquarters Agreement</p>	Host Country Committee	Host Country Committee/Council to continue to take action; Secretariat to assist	Para. 9.148 of RC-2/4
9.155(a)	<p>Called upon the Secretariat to ensure prompt and timely production of documents related to the policy-making organs, and to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in this regard</p>	Cluster III	Secretariat to continue to take action	C-VI/DEC.9

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9.155(b)	Encouraged States Parties to consider supporting the work of the SAB by making voluntary contributions to its trust fund and to consider a greater involvement and participation of States Parties in the information sessions organised by the SAB	Cluster III	States Parties to take action	Para. 9.132 of RC-2/4
9.155(c)	Encouraged States Parties and the Secretariat to continue to keep the convergence of chemistry and biology under review , including through the SAB temporary working group on the convergence of chemistry and biology, and encouraged greater interaction between relevant experts	Cluster III	States Parties to continue to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action	
9.155(d)	Called upon States Parties and the Secretariat, as part of efforts to promote the ethical norms of the Convention, to encourage and promote efforts by the appropriate national and international professional bodies to inculcate awareness amongst scientists and engineers at an early stage in their training that the knowledge and technologies used for beneficial purposes should only be used for purposes not prohibited under this Convention	Cluster IV	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to take action	
9.155(e)	Urged all States Parties, particularly those that are two or more years in arrears, to regularise their payments , related to their assessed contributions, without delay and in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules	Cluster III	Already covered under 9.150	Para. 9.144 of RC-2/4; C-11/DEC.5
9.155(f)	Requested the Director-General to continue to report regularly to the Council on the continued implementation of the tenure policy , including the implications for the OPCW's effectiveness and efficiency and any limited exceptions to the normal policy that may be necessary on these grounds	Cluster III	Secretariat to continue to take action	EC-M-22/DEC.1; Para. 9.139 of RC-2/4

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9.155(g)	Emphasised the importance of continuing to have an open and transparent policy for recruiting staff and underlined the need for maintaining within the Secretariat chemical weapons-specific expertise and paying due consideration to geographical and gender balance	Cluster IV	Secretariat to continue to take action	
9.14 and 9.155(h)	Commitment that the OPCW remain the global repository of knowledge and expertise on the implementation of the Convention and their desire that the Technical Secretariat present proposals for ensuring continuity in its knowledge base and expertise (Part A: Political Declaration) Stressed that the OPCW should remain the global repository of knowledge and expertise with regard to chemical weapons disarmament, the verification of their non-possession and non-use, and their destruction, and requested the Secretariat to identify and implement ways of ensuring continuity in its knowledge base and expertise in these areas	Cluster IV	Conference and Council to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action (provision of additional resources to be considered)	
9.155(i)	Requested the Director-General to keep in view developments in science and technology when identifying the future training needs of the Secretariat	Cluster III	Secretariat to continue to take action	Para. 9.145 of RC-2/4
9.155(j)	Called upon the Secretariat to continue to vigorously pursue initiatives such as IPSAS, and encouraged the Secretariat to further improve the budgetary process of the OPCW and the implementation of RBM	Cluster III	Already covered under 9.149	

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9.155(k)	Encouraged the Secretariat to continue its efforts to be more compact, flexible, and efficient, optimising its use of human and financial resources while ensuring that sufficient resources are available to support the effective implementation of the Convention, and to keep the Council regularly informed of progress via the annual Budget process	Cluster III (budget facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action	Para. 9.143 of RC-2/4 (EC-72/INF.1, Section III.1 of Annex 1)
9.155(l)	Encouraged the Secretariat to continue to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of its work	Cluster III	Secretariat to continue to take action	
9.155(m)	Encouraged the Director-General to review the current situation related to the administrative costs of the Organisation in order to secure its proper functioning, as well as the possibilities for cost-reduction measures	Cluster III	Secretariat to continue to take action	
9.155(n)	Encouraged the Secretariat and the States Parties to improve interaction with the chemical industry, the scientific community, academia, and civil society organisations engaged in issues relevant to the Convention, and encouraged the Secretariat and States Parties to develop a more open approach , in conformity with the Rules of Procedure of the policy-making organs with regard to such interaction	Cluster III	Secretariat to continue to take action; States Parties to take action	Para. 9.136 of RC-2/4

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