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**NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT**

**NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE  
ADVISORY BODY ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Pursuant to the amended Rules of Procedure of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters (ABAF) (Annex 2 to ABAF-27/1, dated 3 September 2009 and Corr.1, dated 15 October 2009), annexed to this Note is the nomination of Ms Mary Blanca Rios of the United States of America for a third term with the ABAF. The expiry date of the current term is 16 August 2013.

Annexes (English only):

- Annex 1: Nomination Letter from the U.S. Delegation to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (dated 10 July 2013)
- Annex 2: Bio for Mary Blanca Rios



**Annex 1**

**NOMINATION LETTER FROM THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE  
ORGANISATION FOR THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS  
(DATED 10 JULY 2013)**



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

*The Hague, the Netherlands*

July 10, 2013

H.E. Mr. Ahmet Üzümcü  
Director-General  
Organization for the Prohibition  
of Chemical Weapons  
Johan de Wittlaan 32  
2517 JR The Hague  
The Netherlands

Dear Mr. Director-General:

The U.S. Permanent Representation to the OPCW has the honor to submit the nomination of Ms. Mary B. Rios, current member of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters for a third term of office in the ABAF.

We would appreciate it if this matter were included under the relevant agenda item of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Executive Council. Please find a brief bio for Ms. Rios enclosed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Mikulak".

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

Cc: Mr. Labib Sahab  
Enclosure: As stated

## **Annex 2**

### **BIO FOR MARY BLANCA RIOS**

#### **Bio for Mary Blanca Rios**

Ms. Rios is a program analyst for the Bureau of International Organizations at the United States Department of State. In this position she is responsible for the development and implementation of U.S. policies regarding oversight, management and budgetary issues for several international organizations including the OPCW.

She has held a number of positions at the Department of State related to U.S. policy and has assisted Chiefs of Mission by providing advice and guidance on policies and procedures regarding size, composition and mandate of overseas mission staffing.

Ms. Rios has served as a member of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters since August of 2007.