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**REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM IN THE
PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTY-SIXTH SESSION
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
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By letter dated 5 June 2014, and pursuant to Rule 16(c) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”), the Permanent Representative of Argentina has requested the Chairperson of the Council and the Director-General to include an additional agenda item entitled “Education and Outreach” in the provisional agenda for the Seventy-Sixth Session of the Council. The cover letter and explanatory memorandum are annexed hereto.

Annex (English only):

Letter to the Director-General from the Permanent Representative of Argentina with Explanatory Memorandum, dated 5 June 2014



Annex

**LETTER TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL FROM THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF ARGENTINA WITH EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM
DATED 5 JUNE 2014**



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Argentine Republic*

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H.E. Mr. Ahmet Üzümcü
Director General, OPCW
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The Hague, June 5th, 2014

Director General,

I have the pleasure to write to you in order to kindly request, according to rules 16 c) and 18 of the Rules of Procedures of the Executive Council, to include the following agenda item in the agenda of the Seventy – Six Session of the Executive Council: "Education and outreach".

The correspondent explanatory memorandum is attached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'H.S.' with a flourish.

Héctor Horacio Salvador
Ambassadeur

CC: H.E. Mr. Alvaro Moerzinger
Chairperson of the Executive Council
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay to the OPCW

Explanatory Memorandum

The importance of the item related to the education and outreach of the Chemical Weapons Convention has been recognized repeatedly by the Scientific Advisory Board of the OPCW and in particular, by the Temporary Working Group on Education and Outreach in Science and Technology relevant to the Chemical Weapons Convention. Furthermore, the significance of the education and outreach activities was recognized by Member States in the Third Review Conference as stated in various articles of the Report of the Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapon (RC-3/3*)

We consider that the activities of education and outreach are relevant to all States Parties and to the common objectives of the OPCW, and with a view to contribute to the said objective, the Argentine Republic has developed a National Project, that has received the support of the Ministry of Education and that of many Universities of our country, initiative that we have shared with all State Parties in the document C-18/NAT.3

The increasing importance of the matter was noted by the participation of representatives of the Latin America and the Caribbean countries in the "First Regional Meeting on Education in the Responsible Application of Knowledge of Dual-Use Chemicals" that took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in April of this year. The meeting received the full support of the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW and was inaugurated by you and the Undersecretary for Foreign Policy of the Ministry of Foreign Relations of Argentina.

The representatives of GRULAC that participated in the said meeting expressed that the experience should be repeated in the regional level, and that it could also serve as a sound practice to be replicated in other regions of the world.

In all, we consider that the item proposed has had a considerable development and merits a proper discussion by the State Parties in the next Executive Council.