



REPORT OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the session

The Chairperson of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”), Ambassador Álvaro Moerzinger of Uruguay, opened its Seventy-Sixth Session in The Hague at 10:24 on 8 July 2014.

2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Adoption of the agenda

The Council **considered** and **adopted** the following agenda:

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Opening statement by the Director-General
4. Reports by the Vice-Chairpersons on the activities conducted under their respective clusters of issues
5. General debate
6. Status of implementation of the Convention:
 - (a) Reports by the Director-General on destruction-related issues
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- (i) Article X: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat
 - (j) Report by the Director-General on the Technical Secretariat's readiness to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use
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 8. Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight
 - (a) Report on the implementation in 2013 of the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight
 - (b) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight for 2013
 9. Draft annual Report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Convention in 2013
 10. Administrative and financial matters:
 - (a) Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
 - (b) Composition of the Technical Secretariat
 - (c) Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2013
 - (d) Amendment to Interim Staff Rule 4.1.05 on retirement
 - (e) Proposal for the rehiring of inspectors
 11. Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference¹
 12. Education and outreach
 13. Credentials of representatives of the members of the Executive Council
 14. Provisional agenda for the Nineteenth Session of the Conference of the States Parties
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¹ Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

3. AGENDA ITEM THREE – Opening statement by the Director-General

The Council **noted** the opening statement by the Director-General (EC-76/DG.18, dated 8 July 2014).

4. AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Reports by the Vice-Chairpersons on the activities conducted under their respective clusters of issues

4.1 The Vice-Chairpersons and coordinators for clusters of issues reported to the Council on informal consultations held during the intersessional period: Ambassador Vesela Mrđen Korać of Croatia on chemical weapons issues, Ambassador Francesco Azzarello of Italy on chemical industry and other Article VI issues, Ambassador Masaru Tsuji of Japan on administrative and financial issues, and Ambassador Dr Ali Gebril Werfeli of Libya on legal, organisational, and other issues. The Chairperson also reported on his own activities on behalf of the Council during the intersessional period.

4.2 The Council **welcomed** the report (EC-76/WP.1, dated 8 July 2014) by the Vice-Chairperson for chemical industry and other Article VI issues, Ambassador Francesco Azzarello of Italy, on the activities held during the intersessional period, including information on the Note the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) would issue on the implementation of a proposal for improving Article VI verification at mixed plant sites. The Council **noted** the statement by Ambassador Rajesh Prasad of India affirming that, while it was not yet ready for the implementation of the proposal, India would not stand in the way of a consensus of the Council on the proposal.

4.3 The Council **received** a summary report by the facilitator for the implementation of Article XI of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”), Mr Tariq Karim of Pakistan, on the activities held during the intersessional period and **noted** that the facilitator presented to the delegations an additional proposal, which he received earlier, for the full, effective, and non-discriminatory implementation of Article XI. The Council **noted** that, during the facilitations, the delegates agreed that a document be produced building on the components of an agreed framework for the full implementation of Article XI (C-16/DEC.10, dated 1 December 2011), the recommendations of the Third Review Conference, the relevant elements of an additional proposal received from the Non-Aligned Movement States Parties and China (RC-3/NAT.13, dated 8 April 2013), and other existing and forthcoming proposals, as well as inputs from the workshops on Article XI to act as a basis for further consultations, and **encouraged** the continuation of the facilitations with a view to finding consensus on the document as soon as possible.

4.4 The Council **welcomed** the appointments of Ambassador Eduardo Rodríguez Veltzé of Bolivia (Plurinational State of) and Mr Domingos Maria de Saldanha Melo e Alvim of Portugal as the co-facilitators for the Programme and Budget.

5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – General debate

The following delegations made statements during the general debate: the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China), Italy (on behalf of the European Union), South Africa (on behalf of the African Group),

Panama, the Syrian Arab Republic (observer), Cuba (observer), China, Malaysia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Iraq, Brazil, Chile, the United States of America, Belarus, France, Peru, Nigeria, Pakistan, Japan, India, Finland, Mexico, Germany, Turkey (observer), the Republic of Korea, Qatar, Algeria, New Zealand, Uruguay, Switzerland (observer), Guatemala, Spain, Portugal (observer), Poland, Croatia, Italy, the Russian Federation, Ukraine (observer), Argentina, Senegal, Kenya, and Morocco.

6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – Status of implementation of the Convention

Subitem 6(a): Reports by the Director-General on destruction-related issues

- 6.1 Further to a decision by the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”) at its Sixteenth Session (C-16/DEC.11, dated 1 December 2011), the Council **considered** and **noted** a report by the Director-General on the overall progress of destruction activities by possessor States Parties (EC-76/DG.15, dated 4 July 2014).
- 6.2 Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6, dated 15 February 2012), the Council **noted** a report by the Director-General on the overall progress of the destruction of abandoned chemical weapons (EC-76/DG.17, dated 7 July 2014).

Subitem 6(b): Implementation of the Conference of the States Parties and Executive Council decisions on destruction-related issues

- 6.3 The Secretariat briefed the Council on its destruction-related verification activities.
- 6.4 The United States of America, the Russian Federation, Libya, Japan, and China briefed the Council on their destruction-related activities.
- 6.5 The Council **noted** the report of the visit by the Chairperson of the Council and representatives of the Council to the Kizner chemical weapons destruction facility in the Russian Federation, from 14 to 18 April 2014 (EC-76/1, dated 30 May 2014). The Council **noted** the assurances by the Russian Federation contained in the report that it will complete the destruction of the chemical weapons stockpiles at four facilities, namely, Maradykovsky, Leonidovka, Pochep, and Shchuchye, by the planned completion date of 31 December 2015. With regard to the Kizner facility, according to the report, the Russian Federation is currently assessing all factors affecting the planned date for the completion of destruction operations, and will inform the Council about the mitigation measures at its forthcoming session.
- 6.6 The Council **noted** the statements and comments made by States Parties on the destruction of the remaining chemical weapons by possessor States Parties, recalling the relevant obligations under the Convention, and relevant decisions by the Conference and the Council. The Council **recalled** that the destruction of the remaining chemical weapons by possessor States Parties should continue in accordance with the provisions of the Convention and its Annex on Implementation and Verification and with the applications of the measures contained in decision C-16/DEC.11.

- 6.7 Further to a decision by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session (C-16/DEC.11), the Council **considered** and **noted** a national paper by the United States of America on the progress made on the completion of the destruction of its chemical weapons, including information on measures to accelerate such progress, as well as appropriate measures in order to meet the planned completion date (EC-76/NAT.2, dated 12 June 2014), along with comments on the issue as mentioned above. The Council **noted** the confirmation provided by the delegation of the United States of America that the necessary measures continue to be undertaken in order to meet the planned completion date of September 2023 for its destruction activities, as submitted to the Council at its Sixty-Eighth Session in accordance with subparagraph 3(c) of C-16/DEC.11.
- 6.8 Further to the same decision by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session (C-16/DEC.11), the Council **considered** and **noted** a national paper by the Russian Federation on the progress made on the completion of the destruction of its chemical weapons, including information on measures to accelerate such progress, as well as appropriate measures in order to meet the planned completion date (EC-76/NAT.4, dated 26 June 2014), along with comments on the issue as mentioned above. The Council **noted** the confirmation provided by the delegation of the Russian Federation that the necessary measures continue to be undertaken in order to meet the planned completion date of December 2015 for its destruction activities, as submitted to the Council at its Sixty-Eighth Session in accordance with subparagraph 3(c) of C-16/DEC.11 and that at four facilities, namely, Maradykovsky, Leonidovka, Pochep, and Shchuchye, destruction will be completed in accordance with the planned completion date. The Council **further noted with regret** the information provided by the delegation of the Russian Federation that, despite such measures, with regard to the Kizner facility, the destruction will continue after 2015, and **requested** the Russian Federation to provide an update to the detailed destruction plan (EC-68/P/NAT.1, dated 3 April 2012), as soon as possible and no later than the Nineteenth Session of the Conference. The Council will inform the Nineteenth Session of the Conference about its activities relating to the issue.
- 6.9 Further to the same decision by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session (C-16/DEC.11), the Council **considered** and **noted** a national paper by Libya on the progress made on the completion of the destruction of its chemical weapons, including information on measures to accelerate such progress, as well as appropriate measures in order to meet the planned completion date (EC-76/NAT.5, dated 30 June 2014), along with comments on the issue as mentioned above. The Council **noted** the confirmation provided by the delegation of Libya that the necessary measures continue to be undertaken in order to meet the planned completion date of December 2016 for its destruction activities, as submitted to the Council at its Sixty-Eighth Session in accordance with subparagraph 3(c) of C-16/DEC.11.
- 6.10 The Council **noted** a Note by the Director-General reporting on progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme (EC-76/DG.14, dated 25 June 2014).
- 6.11 The Council **noted** a national paper by the Syrian Arab Republic (EC-76/P/NAT.1, dated 16 June 2014).

- 6.12 Further to the consideration of this issue at its Forty-Second Meeting, the Council **considered** the combined plans for the destruction and verification of chemical weapons production facilities (CWPFs) in the Syrian Arab Republic (EC-M-40/DG.2, dated 27 March 2014).
- 6.13 The Council **noted** the overall report (EC-76/DG.16, dated 4 July 2014) on the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme submitted by the Director-General to the Council on 4 July 2014 in accordance with decision EC-M-42/DEC.1 (dated 17 June 2014).
- 6.14 The Council **welcomed** the significant progress achieved in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme and **noted**, in particular, the completed elimination by 23 June 2014, i.e. in the first half of 2014 as envisaged in EC-M-33/DEC.1 (dated 27 September 2013), of all declared chemical weapons material and equipment from the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic, despite uniquely challenging conditions.
- 6.15 The Council **recalled** the letter of the Director-General dated 3 October 2013, transmitting the United Nations Security Council resolution 2118, dated 27 September 2013 and **noted** that, with respect to the requirements of the decisions of the Council (EC-M-33/DEC.1; EC-M-34/DEC.1, dated 15 November 2013; and other relevant decisions of the Council) as at 30 June 2014, the following actions have been taken:
- (a) an initial declaration required by subparagraph 1(b) of EC-M-33/DEC.1 has been submitted to the Secretariat, and subsequently updated;
 - (b) the destruction of chemical weapons production and mixing/filling equipment required by subparagraph 1(d) of EC-M-33/DEC.1 has been completed;
 - (c) the destruction of Category 3 chemical weapons required by subparagraph 2(a)(i) of EC-M-34/DEC.1 has been completed;
 - (d) the destruction of isopropanol required by subparagraph 2(a)(iii) of EC-M-34/DEC.1 has been completed;
 - (e) the destruction of the residual mustard agent required by subparagraph 2(a)(iv) of EC-M-34/DEC.1 has been completed;
 - (f) the removal of all designated chemicals from the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic required by subparagraph 2(a)(ii) of EC-M-34/DEC.1 has been completed within the first half of 2014 as was envisaged in EC-M-33/DEC.1, though the Syrian Arab Republic did not follow the timeline established in EC-M-34/DEC.1; and
 - (g) the destruction of 14 declared CWPFs has been completed.

- 6.16 The Council **noted also** that, with respect to the requirements of the decisions referred to in paragraph 6.15 above, the following actions remain to be taken:
- (a) destruction of chemical weapons material removed from the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic, outside its territory, as required by EC-M-34/DEC.1 and other applicable decisions;
 - (b) destruction of the twelve remaining declared CWPFs. The Syrian Arab Republic submitted its destruction plan on 18 March 2014, after 15 March 2014—the date set by the Council as part of the timeline (EC-M-34/DEC.1)—for the completion of destruction of these facilities. The Secretariat submitted combined plans for destruction and verification to the Council on 27 March 2014. The Council has not yet achieved consensus on the destruction plan submitted by the Syrian Arab Republic. The Council **noted** its decision “Destruction of Twelve Chemical Weapons Production Facilities in the Syrian Arab Republic” (EC-M-42/DEC.3, dated 17 June 2014) and once again **encouraged** all Parties concerned to continue their consultations with a view to arriving at an agreement on the combined plans for destruction and verification for the 12 CWPFs and **requested** that the Syrian Arab Republic initiate, as appropriate, any preparatory work necessary for the destruction of the CWPFs; and
 - (c) inspections of the declared sites that remain to be inspected. In this regard the Council **noted** that the inspections required by subparagraph 2(b) of EC-M-33/DEC.1 have been initiated by the Secretariat and carried out at 21 of 23 declared sites, while one site is not under the control of the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic and has not been inspected.
- 6.17 The Council **noted** the briefing provided by the Secretariat on its ongoing consultations with the Syrian Arab Republic regarding its declaration and related disclosures, and the Council **urged** the Secretariat and the Syrian authorities to continue to cooperate through technical discussions on outstanding issues regarding Syria’s declaration, with a view to the soonest resolution of questions raised by the Secretariat to further the declaration’s accuracy and completeness.
- 6.18 The Council **commended** the invaluable contribution of the OPCW-UN Joint Mission and the OPCW personnel to the progress achieved in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme, as well as the assistance and support extended to this endeavour by the States Parties. The Council **welcomed** the effective coordination between the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic and the Joint Mission and the OPCW personnel.
- 6.19 Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6), a national paper by China (EC-76/NAT.6, dated 2 July 2014) and a national paper by Japan (EC-76/NAT.3, dated 13 June 2014) had been circulated to the members of the Council. Bearing in mind the destruction progress was less than expected in the destruction plan attached to the relevant decision (EC-67/DEC.6), while welcoming close cooperation between relevant States Parties, the Council **considered** and **decided** to remain seized of the matter, and **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) in a faithful manner. Both States Parties reaffirmed their effective commitment to the abovementioned decision.

- 6.20 The Council **welcomed** the review of the destruction of abandoned chemical weapons conducted by the Third Review Conference and the report of the Third Review Conference (RC-3/3*, dated 19 April 2013) relating to abandoned chemical weapons issues. The Council **expressed its appreciation** for the first-hand information on the destruction-related progress and the bilateral cooperation of the relevant States Parties obtained through the visit by the delegation of the Council to Haerbaling abandoned chemical weapons site, jointly invited by China and Japan, from 9 to 13 September 2013.

Subitem 6(c): Other verification-related issues

- 6.21 The Secretariat briefed the Council on its other verification-related activities.
- 6.22 The Council **received** a follow-up briefing by the Secretariat on consultations regarding clarifications on the declaration of the Syrian Arab Republic.
- 6.23 The Secretariat gave a presentation on the Secure Information Exchange (SIX) project.

Subitem 6(d): Destruction-related plans and facility agreements

- 6.24 The Secretariat submitted to the Council a Note on amendments to the facility agreement with the Slovak Republic regarding on-site inspections at a Schedule 1 protective purposes facility (EC-76/S/3, dated 16 June 2014).
- 6.25 The Council **considered** and **adopted** a decision on amendments to the aforementioned facility agreement (EC-76/DEC.1, dated 9 July 2014). Proposed amendments had been submitted separately to the Council (EC-76/P/DEC.1, dated 9 July 2014), which **considered** and **approved** them.
- 6.26 The Council **considered** and **approved** the agreed detailed plan for verification of the destruction of chemical weapons at the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant Explosive Destruction System, located at Pueblo, Colorado, the United States of America (EC-76/DEC.2, dated 9 July 2014).
- 6.27 The Council **considered** and **approved** the facility agreement with the United States of America regarding on-site inspections at the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant Explosive Destruction System, located at Pueblo, Colorado, the United States of America (EC-76/DEC.3, dated 9 July 2014).

Subitem 6(e): Verification Implementation Report for 2013

- 6.28 The Council **considered** and **noted** the Verification Implementation Report (VIR) for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013 (EC-76/HP/DG.1*, dated 29 April 2014 and Corr.1, dated 7 July 2014). The Council **also noted** the comments and views received on the 2013 VIR (EC-76/HP/DG.2, dated 7 July 2014), as well as

the Chairperson's summary of the informal consultations on it (EC-76/4, dated 25 June 2014).

Subitem 6(f): The content of the assistance-and-protection data bank and its use

- 6.29 The Council **considered** and **noted** a Note by the Secretariat on the content of the assistance-and-protection data bank and its use (EC-76/S/2, dated 11 June 2014).

Subitem 6(g): Timely submission of declarations under Article VI

- 6.30 Further to a decision by the Council at its Fifty-First Session (EC-51/DEC.1, dated 27 November 2007), the Council **noted** a status report by the Director-General on the timely submission by States Parties of declarations under Article VI of the Convention for the period from 1 January to 31 May 2014 (EC-76/DG.10*, dated 11 June 2014).

- 6.31 Further to the decision of the Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session on the policy guidelines for determining the number of Article VI inspections (EC-66/DEC.10, dated 7 October 2011), the Council **noted** the report by the Director-General on the results of the implementation of these policy guidelines (EC-76/DG.3, dated 3 April 2014).

Subitem 6(h): Article VII: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat

- 6.32 The Council **received** an oral report by the facilitator for this issue, Dr Zlatko Dimitroff of Bulgaria, on the activities held during the intersessional period. The Council **noted** that the facilitator presented to the delegations ideas for further discussion in future consultations for the advancement of the objectives of Article VII, and in this regard **requested** him to continue further with consultations.
- 6.33 The Council **noted** a briefing by the Secretariat on the agenda for the implementation of Article VII in 2014, which is based upon the mandate provided by States Parties in the context of the relevant recommendations of the Third Review Conference in 2013.
- 6.34 The Council **took note** of the activities carried out by the Secretariat that are aimed at promoting Article VII implementation and **encouraged** the Secretariat to continue consultations with States Parties in the context of the ongoing Article VII facilitations.
- 6.35 The Council **expressed appreciation** for the efforts of the Secretariat and those of States Parties in advancing the implementation of Article VII. The Council **noted** the request by the Director-General for States Parties to provide full and timely feedback on Article VII implementation-support activities to facilitate the full, effective, and non-discriminatory implementation of the provisions of Article VII.
- 6.36 The Council **welcomed** the discussion that took place on Article VII at its Seventy-Sixth Session and **noted** that some of the activities and programmes carried out by the Secretariat could be further developed in the future, on the basis of their evaluation.

Subitem 6(i): Article X: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat

- 6.37 The Council **received** an oral report by the facilitator for this issue, Ms Sarah Broughton of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, on the activities held during the intersessional period. The Council **encouraged** the facilitator to continue making regular reports to the Council on her work.
- 6.38 The Council **noted** the briefing by the Secretariat on “Article X Activities and Programme, Plan for 2014” and **encouraged** the Secretariat to continue evaluating and improving programmes in consultation with States Parties in the context of the ongoing Article X facilitations. The Secretariat is further encouraged to report on the effectiveness of regional and subregional meetings and the pilot project to target training at selected relevant officials who, through concerted investment within a twelve-month period, gain expertise and the ability to train others at home.
- 6.39 The Council **welcomed** the discussion on Article X at its Seventy-Sixth Session and **noted** that future such exchanges would be beneficial to the full, effective, and non-discriminatory implementation of Article X.

Subitem 6(j): Report by the Director-General on the Technical Secretariat’s readiness to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use

- 6.40 The Council **considered** and **noted** a Note by the Director-General reporting on the readiness of the Secretariat to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use (EC-76/DG.11, dated 12 June 2014).

Subitem 6(k): Technical Secretariat's activities: submission of the summary report of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria

- 6.41 At the Forty-Second Meeting of the Council on 17 June 2014, the Secretariat had circulated the summary report of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria covering the period from 3 to 31 May 2014 (S/1191/2014, dated 16 June 2014).
- 6.42 The Council **reaffirmed** the broad support for the Director-General’s decision to send a mission to establish the facts surrounding the allegations of the use of toxic chemicals, reportedly chlorine, for hostile purposes in the Syrian Arab Republic.
- 6.43 The Council **condemned** the armed attack on a Mission convoy which occurred on 27 May 2014 as the Mission attempted to conduct a field visit to Kafr Zeyta, the site of an alleged incident. The Council **commended** Mission personnel for their courage and dedication in carrying out their assignment.
- 6.44 The Council **noted** that the attack on the Mission and the resulting denial of access prevented the Mission from presenting definitive conclusions. However, in view of the report’s finding that the available information “lends credence to the view that toxic chemicals, most likely pulmonary irritating agents such as chlorine, have been used in a systematic manner in a number of attacks,” the Council **underlined** that the use of chemical weapons by anyone under any circumstances would be reprehensible

and completely contrary to the legal norms and standards of the international community.

- 6.45 The Council **re-emphasised** its unequivocal support for the Director-General's decision to continue the Mission, while stressing that the safety and security of Mission personnel remains the top priority. The Council **called upon** all parties in the Syrian Arab Republic to extend their full cooperation to the Mission and to ensure that it completes its work safely and effectively. The Council **also encouraged** all States Parties that are in a position to do so to work with the relevant parties in the Syrian Arab Republic in this respect.
- 6.46 The Council **requested** that the Director-General provide, as appropriate, updates on the status of the Mission and its activities.

7. **AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – OPCW Central Analytical Database**

The Council **considered** a Note by the Director-General on the lists of new validated data of scheduled chemicals for approval by the Council for inclusion in the OPCW Central Analytical Database (EC-76/DG.4, dated 22 April 2014) and **adopted** a decision on their inclusion (EC-76/DEC.4, dated 10 July 2014).

8. **AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight**

Subitem 8(a) Report on the implementation in 2013 of the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight

- 8.1 The Council **noted** a report by the Director-General on the implementation in 2013 of the recommendations contained in the 2012 annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight (OIO) (EC-76/DG.1, dated 17 March 2014).
- 8.2 The facilitator for this issue, Ms Sakiko Hayakawa of Japan, reported on consultations held during the intersessional period.

Subitem 8(b) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight for 2013

- 8.3 The Council **considered** and **noted** the annual report of the OIO for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013, which the Director-General had submitted to it, along with his comments (EC-76/DG.2 C-19/DG.3, dated 27 March 2014), in accordance with Financial Regulation 12.5.
- 8.4 The facilitator for this issue, Ms Sakiko Hayakawa of Japan, reported on consultations held during the intersessional period.
- 8.5 The Council **transmitted** this report, and the covering Note by the Director-General, to the Conference for consideration at its Nineteenth Session.

9. **AGENDA ITEM NINE – Draft annual report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Convention in 2013**

The Council **considered** the “Draft Report of the OPCW on the Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and

Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction in 2013” (EC-76/5 C-19/CRP.1, dated 11 July 2014), and **forwarded** it to the Conference for consideration at its Nineteenth Session.

10. AGENDA ITEM TEN – Administrative and financial matters

Subitem 10(a): Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters

- 10.1 The Council **noted** the report of the Thirty-Sixth Session of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters (ABAF), which took place from 2 to 5 June 2014 (ABAF-36/1, dated 5 June 2014), and a Note by the Director-General containing comments on the report of the ABAF at that session (EC-76/DG.13, dated 24 June 2014), **noted** the recommendations contained therein, and **agreed** to consider them at the next regular session of the Council.
- 10.2 The Council **noted** a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the ABAF (EC-76/S/1, dated 3 June 2014) and **approved** the nomination of Mr Teddy Bongeziile Ceke of South Africa for a second term with the ABAF, retroactive to the date of his letter of nomination (26 May 2014).
- 10.3 The Council **noted** a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the ABAF (EC-76/S/7, dated 7 July 2014), and **approved** the nomination of Mr Nikolay V. Lozinskiy of the Russian Federation, to replace Mr Vladimir A. Iosifov, retroactive to the date of his letter of nomination (2 July 2014).

Subitem 10(b): Composition of the Technical Secretariat

- 10.4 The Council **noted** the Director-General’s “Annual Report on the Composition of the Technical Secretariat” (EC-76/DG.9, dated 4 June 2014).

Subitem 10(c): Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2013

- 10.5 The Council **considered** and **noted** a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2013 (EC-76/DG.7, dated 3 June 2014).

Subitem 10(d): Amendment to Interim Staff Rule 4.1.05 on retirement

- 10.6 The Council **noted** a proposed amendment of Interim Staff Rule 4.1.05 (EC-76/DG.12, dated 16 June 2014) and the views that the extension of the mandatory age of separation from 62 to 65 should be extended to all staff members, and **agreed** to consider further this issue at its next meeting, with a view to adopting a decision to amend the relevant Rule.

Subitem 10(e): Proposal for the rehiring of inspectors

- 10.7 The Council **noted** the background Note from the Secretariat contained in EC-76/S/5 regarding the financial and other implications of rehiring inspectors. Noting also the report of ABAF (ABAF/36/1) and the views expressed by the Director-General in his opening statement, the Council **agreed** to consider further this issue at its next

session, with a view to examining the possibility of its consideration at the Nineteenth Session of the Conference.

11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference

The Council **considered** and **noted** a Note by the Secretariat entitled “Updated Matrix of Actionable Items Identified at the Third Review Conference” (EC-76/S/6, dated 3 July 2014).

12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – Education and outreach

12.1 A national paper by Argentina entitled “Final Report on the Regional Meeting on Education in the Responsible Application of Knowledge of Dual-Use Chemicals, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 7-9 April 2014” (EC-76/NAT.1, dated 5 June 2014) and a Note by the Secretariat entitled “Ongoing and Planned Awareness-Raising, Education and Outreach Activities” (EC-76/S/4, dated 1 July 2014), were made available to the Council for the discussion of this agenda item.

12.2 The Council **received** an oral report and a presentation by the Secretariat regarding the activities carried out on various items related to education and outreach.

12.3 The Council **encouraged** the Secretariat to continue implementing the appropriate recommendations of the Third Review Conference regarding education and outreach and also the recommendations reached at the regional meeting on education and outreach held in Buenos Aires from 7 to 9 April 2014. In that regard, the Council **highlighted** the importance to have sufficient funding for this issue in the regular budget.

12.4 Due to the importance of education and outreach, the Council **agreed** to consider having regular discussions of this item in the future sessions of the Council.

13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – Credentials of representatives of the members of the Executive Council

The Council **considered** and **approved** a report by the Director-General on the credentials of representatives of members of the Council (EC-76/DG.8/Rev.2, dated 7 July 2014), which covers the credentials of the newly elected members of the Council.

14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Provisional agenda for the Nineteenth Session of the Conference of the States Parties

The Council **drew up** the provisional agenda for the Nineteenth Session of the Conference (EC-76/DG.6, dated 27 May 2014).

15. AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – Dates for regular sessions of the Executive Council in 2015

The Council **decided** that the Seventy-Eighth Session of the Council shall be held from 17 to 20 March 2015, that the Seventy-Ninth Session of the Council shall be

held from 7 to 10 July 2015, and that the Eightieth Session of the Council shall be held from 6 to 9 October 2015.

16. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Any other business

Draft Enterprise Resource Planning Strategy for the OPCW

- 16.1 The Council **welcomed** presentations by representatives of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Systems and the Secretariat on the Draft ERP Strategy for the OPCW. It was noted that the Secretariat would submit the final ERP Strategy for the OPCW and draft decisions on the reduction of the level of the Working Capital Fund (WCF) and the use of balances of the WCF together with budget surpluses of a few years, if required, for the Council's consideration at its next session and for approval by the Conference at its Nineteenth Session.

Facility agreements

- 16.2 The Secretariat submitted to the Council a Note on amendments and modifications to the arrangement with the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland governing on-site inspections at the Ellesmere Port High Temperature Incinerator and Marchwood Military Port, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (EC-76/S/8, dated 9 July 2014).
- 16.3 The Council **considered** and **approved** amendments and modifications to the aforementioned arrangement (EC-76/DEC.5, dated 11 July 2014).

17. AGENDA ITEM SEVENTEEN – Adoption of the report

The Council **considered** and **adopted** the report of its Seventy-Sixth Session.

18. AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN – Closure

The Chairperson closed the session at 19:46 on 11 July 2014.