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This annotated agenda¹ has been prepared by the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) to guide and assist members of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) in their substantive preparations for its Eighty-Second Session. It lists the items of business for the session in the sequence in which they appear in the provisional agenda set for it (see agenda item two below).

1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the session

The Eighty-Second Session of the Council will be opened in The Hague by the Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Odette Melono of Cameroon, at 10:00 on 12 July 2016.

2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Adoption of the agenda

The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt the following agenda, which has been circulated under cover of EC-82/2, dated 2 June 2016:

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

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- (c) Other verification-related issues
 - (d) Verification Implementation Report for 2015
 - (e) Technical Secretariat's activities: update on the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria
 - (f) Timely submission of declarations under Article VI
 - (g) Article VII: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat
 - (h) The content of the assistance-and-protection data bank and its use
 - (i) Article X: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat
 - (j) Article XI: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat
 - (k) Report by the Director-General on the Technical Secretariat's readiness to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use
7. OPCW Central Analytical Database
8. Report of the Scientific Advisory Board
9. Draft annual report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Convention in 2015
10. Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight
- (a) Implementation in 2015 of the recommendations contained in the 2014 annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight
 - (b) Annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2015
11. Administrative and financial matters:
- (a) Status of implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations
 - (b) Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
 - (c) Transfers of funds during 2015
 - (d) Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise-resource-planning system
 - (e) Composition of the Technical Secretariat
 - (f) Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2015

12. Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference²
13. Education and outreach
14. Credentials of representatives of the members of the Executive Council
15. Provisional agenda for the Twenty-First Session of the Conference of the States Parties
16. Dates for regular sessions of the Executive Council in 2017
17. Memorandum of understanding between the OPCW and the World Customs Organization
18. Establishment of an open-ended working group on the future priorities of the OPCW
19. Any other business
20. Adoption of the report
21. Closure

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

The Council is **requested** to note the opening statement by the Director-General (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

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

The Vice-Chairpersons and coordinators for clusters of issues will report to the Council on informal consultations held during the intersessional period: Ambassador Dziunik Aghajanian of Armenia on chemical weapons issues, Ambassador Christoph Israng of Germany on chemical-industry and other Article VI issues, Ambassador Willys Delvalle of Panama on administrative and financial issues, and Ambassador Alireza Jahangiri of the Islamic Republic of Iran on legal, organisational, and other issues.

5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – General debate

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 is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the

² Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Chemical Weapons Convention.

overall progress of destruction activities by possessor States Parties (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

- 6.2 Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6, dated 15 February 2012), the Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the overall progress of the destruction of abandoned chemical weapons (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

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

- 6.3 The Secretariat is expected to brief the Council on its destruction-related verification activities.
- 6.4 The States Parties concerned are expected to brief the Council on their destruction-related activities.
- 6.5 Further to a decision by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session (C-16/DEC.11), the Council is **requested** to consider and note 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, and identifying progress made since the last briefing in order to meet the planned completion date. This report is also to include reporting on any specific measures undertaken to overcome problems in the destruction programme (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).
- 6.6 Further to the same decision by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session (C-16/DEC.11), the Council is **requested** to consider and note 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, and identifying progress made since the last briefing in order to meet the planned completion date. This report is also to include reporting on any specific measures undertaken to overcome problems in the destruction programme (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).
- 6.7 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the report of the visit by the Chairperson of the Council and representatives of the Council to the Kizner chemical weapons destruction facility, the Russian Federation, from 25 to 29 April 2016 (EC-82/1, dated 30 May 2016).
- 6.8 Further to the aforementioned decision by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session (C-16/DEC.11), the Council is **requested** to consider and note 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, and identifying progress made since the last briefing in order to meet the planned completion date. This report is also to include reporting on any specific measures undertaken to overcome problems in the destruction programme (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

- 6.9 The Council is **requested** to note four Notes by the Director-General reporting on progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme (EC-82/DG.1, dated 24 March 2016; EC-82/DG.5, dated 22 April 2016; and EC-82/DG.9, dated 25 May 2016; the fourth Note will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).
- 6.10 The Council is **requested** to note four national papers by the Syrian Arab Republic on the activities related to the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons and their production facilities (EC-82/P/NAT.1, dated 17 March 2016; EC-82/P/NAT.2, dated 15 April 2016; EC-82/P/NAT.3, dated 19 May 2016; and EC-82/P/NAT.4, dated 17 June 2016).
- 6.11 Further to its consideration of this issue at its previous sessions, the Council is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the retention of samples of Syrian chemical weapons (EC-77/DEC/CRP.2/Rev.1, dated 23 March 2016).
- 6.12 Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6), a national paper by China (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations) and a national paper by Japan (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations) on the overall progress of the destruction of chemical weapons abandoned by Japan on the territory of China have been circulated to the members of the Council.

Subitem 6(c): Other verification-related issues

- 6.13 The Secretariat is expected to brief the Council on its other verification-related activities.
- 6.14 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 is **requested** to note a report by the Director-General on the results of the implementation of these policy guidelines (EC-82/DG.2, dated 5 April 2016).
- 6.15 The Secretariat is also expected to provide a follow-up briefing on the activities of the Declaration Assessment Team.
- 6.16 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General entitled “Report on the work of the Declaration Assessment Team Regarding the Declaration and Related Submissions by the Syrian Arab Republic” (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

Subitem 6(d): Verification Implementation Report for 2015

- 6.17 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the Verification Implementation Report (VIR) for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2015 (EC-82/HP/DG.1, dated 13 May 2016). The Council is also **requested** to note the comments and views received on the 2015 VIR (this document will be assigned an official reference

number when it is made available to delegations), as well as the Chairperson's summary of the informal consultations on it (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

Subitem 6(e): Technical Secretariat's activities: update on the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria

6.18 The Director-General is expected to provide an update in regard to the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria.

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

6.19 Further to a decision by the Council at its Fifty-First Session (EC-51/DEC.1, dated 27 November 2007), the Council is **requested** to note a status report by the Director-General on the timely submission by States Parties of declarations under Article VI of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter "the Convention") for the period from 1 January to 31 May 2016 (EC-82/DG.14, dated 13 June 2016).

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

6.20 The facilitator for this issue, Mr Sébastien Braha of France, is expected to report on the consultations carried out during the intersessional period.

6.21 The Secretariat will make a presentation on the status of implementation of Article VII.

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

6.22 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Secretariat on the content of the assistance-and-protection data bank and its use (EC-82/S/2, dated 7 June 2016).

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

6.23 The facilitator for this issue, Mr Szymon Bocheński of Poland, is expected to report on the consultations carried out during the intersessional period.

6.24 The Secretariat will make a presentation on the status of implementation of Article X.

Subitem 6(j): Article XI: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat

6.25 The facilitator for this issue, Mr Shoaib Sarwar of Pakistan, is expected to report on the consultations carried out during the intersessional period.

6.26 The Secretariat will make a presentation on the programme of activities for 2016 in relation to Article XI.

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

- 6.27 The Council is **requested** to consider and note 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-82/DG.12, dated 7 June 2016).

7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – OPCW Central Analytical Database

The Council is **requested** to consider 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-82/DG.10, dated 30 May 2016) and to adopt a draft decision on the matter (EC-82/DEC/CRP.1, dated 30 May 2016).

8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – Report of the Scientific Advisory Board

- 8.1 The report of the Twenty-Third Session of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB-23/1, dated 22 April 2016) has been circulated to the members of the Council.
- 8.2 A Note by the Director-General entitled “The Impact of the Developments in Science and Technology in the Context of the Chemical Weapons Convention” (EC-82/DG.13, dated 7 June 2016) has been circulated to the members of the Council.

9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – Draft annual report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Convention in 2015

The Council is **requested** to consider 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 2015” (EC-82/CRP.1, dated 10 May 2016), and to forward it to the Conference for consideration at its Twenty-First Session.

10. AGENDA ITEM TEN – Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight

Subitem 10 (a) Implementation in 2015 of the recommendations contained in the 2014 annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight

- 10.1 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the implementation in 2015 of the recommendations contained in the 2014 annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight (OIO) (EC-82/DG.4, dated 18 April 2016).

Subitem 10 (b) Annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2015

- 10.2 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the annual report of the OIO for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2015 (EC-82/DG.3 C-21/DG.4, dated 15 April 2016), which the Director-General has submitted to it, along with his comments. The Council is also **requested** to make any comments it deems appropriate on the report. In accordance with Financial Regulation 12.5, the Director-General will transmit the report to the Conference at its Twenty-First

Session, together with his own comments and any that the Council may deem appropriate.

- 10.3 The facilitator for this issue, Mr Eric Smith of the United States of America, is expected to report on consultations held during the intersessional period.

11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Administrative and financial matters

Subitem 11(a): Status of implementation of the External Auditor’s recommendations

- 11.1 Further to its consideration of this issue at its previous session, the Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Secretariat on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor (EC-81/S/4, dated 22 January 2016).

Subitem 11(b): Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters

- 11.2 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the report of the Fortieth Session of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters (ABAF), which took place from 6 to 9 June 2016 (ABAF-40/1, dated 9 June 2016), and a Note by the Director-General containing comments on the report of the ABAF at that session (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

Subitem 11(c): Transfers of funds during 2015

- 11.3 Further to its consideration of this issue at its previous session, the Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General on a request for transfers of funds between chapters and transfers of funds during 2015 (EC-81/DG.8 C-21/DG.1, dated 16 February 2016).

Subitem 11(d): Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise-resource-planning system

- 11.4 Further to its consideration of this issue at its previous session, the Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General reporting on the status of implementation of the enterprise-resource-planning system (EC-81/DG.6, dated 8 February 2016).

- 11.5 The Council is also **requested** to note the most recent status report by the Director-General on the matter (EC-82/DG.11, dated 6 June 2016).

Subitem 11(e): Composition of the Technical Secretariat

- 11.6 The Council is **requested** to note the Director-General’s annual report on the composition of the Secretariat (EC-82/DG.7, dated 23 May 2016).

Subitem 11(f): Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2015

11.7 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2015 (EC-82/DG.6, dated 29 April 2016).

12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference

At its Seventy-Third Session, the Council requested the Director-General to submit to each regular session of the Council the updated version of the “Matrix of Actionable Items Identified at the Third Review Conference” (paragraph 13.1 of EC-73/6, dated 19 July 2013), which the Council is **requested** to consider and note (EC-81/S/1/Add.2, dated 27 May 2016).

13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – Education and outreach

13.1 The Secretariat is expected to provide a briefing to the Council on ongoing and planned awareness-raising, education and outreach activities, as well as the proceedings of the first session of the Advisory Board on Education and Outreach.

13.2 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Secretariat on ongoing and planned awareness-raising, education and outreach activities (EC-82/S/1, dated 2 June 2016).

14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Credentials of representatives of the members of the Executive Council

The Council is **requested** to consider and approve a report by the Director-General on the credentials of representatives of members of the Council, which covers the credentials of the newly elected members of the Council (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

15. AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – Provisional agenda for the Twenty-First Session of the Conference of the States Parties

The Council is **requested** to draw up the provisional agenda for the Twenty-First Session of the Conference (EC-82/DG.8, dated 25 May 2016).

16. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Dates for regular sessions of the Executive Council in 2017

The Council is **requested** to consider dates for its regular sessions in 2017.

17. AGENDA ITEM SEVENTEEN – Memorandum of understanding between the OPCW and the World Customs Organization

The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General on a Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation between the OPCW and the World Customs Organization (EC-82/DG.15, dated 14 June 2016) and to consider and adopt a draft decision on the matter (EC-82/DEC/CRP.2, dated 14 June 2016).

18. AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN – Establishment of an open-ended working group on the future priorities of the OPCW

Further to its consideration of this issue at its previous session, the Council is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the establishment of an Open-Ended Working Group on the Future Priorities of the OPCW (EC-81/DEC/CRP.5, dated 23 March 2016).

19. AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN – Any other business

The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision entitled “Review of the Implementation of Decision C-16/DEC.11 (dated 1 December 2011) by the Conference of the States Parties in 2017” (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

20. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY – Adoption of the report

21. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-ONE – Closure

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