



REPORT OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the session

- 1.1 The Chairperson of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”), Ambassador Odette Melono of Cameroon, opened its Eighty-Fourth Session in The Hague at 10:12 on 7 March 2017.
- 1.2 The Council **observed** a minute of silence in memory of Ambassador Jan-Lucas van Hoorn, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the OPCW.

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
 - (b) Implementation of the Conference of the States Parties and Executive Council decisions on destruction-related issues
 - (c) Elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme
 - (d) Other verification-related issues
 - (e) Destruction-related plans and facility agreements
 - (f) Timely submission of declarations under Article VI of the Convention



- (g) The Programme to Strengthen Cooperation with Africa on the Chemical Weapons Convention
 - (h) Implementation by the Technical Secretariat in 2016 of the regime governing the handling of confidential information
 - (i) Status of implementation of the Verification Information System
 - (j) Technical Secretariat's activities: update on the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria
7. OPCW Central Analytical Database
 8. Report of the Scientific Advisory Board
 9. Countering chemical terrorism
 10. Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference¹
 11. Education and outreach
 12. Administrative and financial matters:
 - (a) Nomination for membership of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
 - (b) Status of implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations
 - (c) Cash deficit for 2014
 - (d) Transfers of funds during 2016
 - (e) Limit of investments of funds of the OPCW
 - (f) Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system
 - (g) Extension of the OPCW Headquarters Tenancy Agreement
 - (h) Adjustment to the Director-General's gross salary
 13. Agreements on the privileges and immunities of the OPCW
 14. Election of the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Council
 15. Report by the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

¹ Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

16. Report by the Open-Ended Working Group on the Future Priorities of the OPCW
17. Appointment of the Director-General
18. Any other business
19. Adoption of the report
20. Closure

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

The Council **noted** the opening statement by the Director-General (EC-84/DG.26, dated 7 March 2017).

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 Dziunik Aghajanian of Armenia on chemical weapons issues, Mr Wolfgang Rechenhofer of Germany on behalf of 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.
- 4.2 The Council **received** a report by the facilitator, Mr. Shoaib Sarwar of Pakistan, on the consultations carried out during the intersessional period on activities related to Article XI.
- 4.3 The Council **expressed appreciation** for the work done by the facilitator for Article VII issues, Mr Sébastien Braha of France, and **welcomed** the appointment of Mr Stefano Dell’Aquila of Italy as the new facilitator.
- 4.4 The Council **expressed appreciation** for the work done by Ambassador Joe Tony Aidoo of Ghana, Chairperson of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on Terrorism.
- 4.5 The Council **welcomed** the appointment of Ambassador Momar Diop of Senegal as the new Chairperson of the OEWG on Terrorism.

5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – General debate

The following delegations made statements during the general debate: the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China), Malta (on behalf of the European Union), Morocco (on behalf of the African group), Malaysia, Spain, China, Germany, Cuba (observer), the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Bangladesh, Australia, Brazil, Italy, Guatemala, Romania (observer), Chile, Canada (observer), Switzerland, India, Sweden, Kazakhstan (observer), France, Japan, Iraq, the United States of America, the

Sudan, Peru, Poland, New Zealand (observer), Uruguay (observer), the Russian Federation, Turkey (observer), Pakistan, Panama, Ecuador (observer), the Syrian Arab Republic (observer), Latvia, Argentina, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Morocco, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, and Algeria.

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-84/DG.20, dated 22 February 2017).
- 6.2 Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6, dated 15 February 2012), the Council **considered** and **noted** a report by the Director-General on the overall progress of the destruction of abandoned chemical weapons (EC-84/DG.24, dated 3 March 2017).

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

- 6.3 The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) **briefed** the Council on its destruction-related verification activities.
- 6.4 The Council **noted** a voluntary presentation by Italy on the destruction of its old chemical weapons pursuant to Council decision EC-67/DEC.8 (dated 17 February 2012).
- 6.5 The United States of America, the Russian Federation, Libya, Japan, and China briefed the Council on their destruction-related activities.
- 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 Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “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 application 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 achieved towards complete 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-84/NAT.2, dated 13 February 2017 and Corr.1, dated 22 February 2017), 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-84/P/NAT.6, dated 13 February 2017), 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 31 December 2020 for its destruction activities, as submitted to the Council at its Sixty-Eighth and Seventy-Seventh Sessions in accordance with subparagraph 3(c) of C-16/DEC.11.
- 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-84/NAT.3, dated 15 February 2017), along with comments on the issue as mentioned above.
- 6.10 Further to the decision at its Fifty-Third Meeting on the “Plan for the Destruction of Libya’s Remaining Category 2 Chemical Weapons Outside the Territory of Libya” (EC-M-53/DEC.1, dated 26 August 2016), the Council **considered** and **noted** the monthly reports by the Director-General on the implementation of the plan, including any problems relating to its implementation (EC-84/DG.2, dated 26 October 2016; EC-84/DG.3, dated 21 November 2016; EC-84/DG.5, dated 21 December 2016; EC-84/DG.10, dated 23 January 2017; and EC-84/DG.23, dated 24 February 2017).
- 6.11 A national paper by Iraq entitled “Chemical Weapons Used in the Kirkuk Area of Iraq” was circulated to the members of the Council (EC-84/P/NAT.3*, dated 14 December 2016).
- 6.12 Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6), a national paper by China (EC-84/NAT.5, dated 23 February 2017) and a national paper by Japan (EC-84/NAT.1, dated 9 February 2017) on the overall progress of the destruction of chemical weapons abandoned by Japan on the territory of China were circulated to the members of the Council. The Council **recalled** the provisions of the Convention that the Abandoning State Party undertakes to destroy all chemical weapons it abandoned on the territory of another State Party and shall provide all necessary financial, technical, expert, facility as well as other resources, **expressed its determination** to remain seized of the matter, and **urged** the Abandoning State Party to continue to make the fullest possible effort to complete destruction of chemical weapons abandoned by Japan on the territory of China as early as possible in accordance with the Council’s decision (EC-67/DEC.6) in a faithful manner and to address challenges including ensuring the safety of people and protecting the environment. The Council **reaffirmed** that the Territorial State Party shall provide appropriate cooperation.

- 6.13 The Council **also reaffirmed** the obligation of the Abandoning State Party to provide all available information including, to the extent possible, the location, type, quantity as well as information on the abandonment in accordance with relevant provisions of the Convention, so as to facilitate the expedite destruction of chemical weapons abandoned by Japan on the territory of China.
- 6.14 The Council **considered** a national paper by Japan and China entitled “Destruction Plan Beyond the Year 2016 for the Chemical Weapons Abandoned by Japan in the People’s Republic of China (as per Decision EC-67/DEC.6, dated 15 February 2012)” (EC-84/NAT.6, dated 2 March 2017), **adopted** the destruction plan attached as Annex 2 to the Council’s decision on “The Deadline of 29 April 2012 and Future Destruction of the Chemical Weapons Abandoned by Japan in the People’s Republic of China” (EC-67/DEC.6), and **amended** the decision accordingly.
- 6.15 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), which reaffirmed the role of the Council, the Conference and the Review Conference with regard to the abandoned chemical weapons destruction related issues as defined in the provisions of the Convention and in the Council’s decision (EC-67/DEC.6).
- 6.16 The Council **welcomed** the planned visit by a delegation of the Council to the Haerbaling abandoned chemical weapons site, jointly invited by China and Japan, in June 2017.

Subitem 6(c): Elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme

- 6.17 Further to its decision at its Eighty-Third Session (EC-83/DEC.5, dated 11 November 2016), the Council decided to place “Elimination of the Syrian Chemical Weapons Programme” on the agenda of all future Council sessions until the Council determines that all elements of the Syrian chemical weapons programme have been eliminated.
- 6.18 The Council **noted** five Notes by the Director-General reporting on progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme (EC-84/DG.1, dated 25 October 2016; EC-84/DG.4, dated 23 November 2016; EC-84/DG.6, dated 22 December 2016; EC-84/DG.11, dated 24 January 2017; and EC-84/DG.22, dated 23 February 2017).
- 6.19 The Council **noted** five national papers by the Syrian Arab Republic on the activities related to the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons and their production facilities (EC-84/P/NAT.1, dated 19 October 2016; EC-84/P/NAT.2, dated 16 November 2016; EC-84/P/NAT.4, dated 19 December 2016; EC-84/P/NAT.5, dated 13 January 2017; and EC-84/P/NAT.7, dated 15 February 2017).
- 6.20 Pursuant to decision EC-83/DEC.5, the Director-General should report to the Council at all future sessions. The Council **noted** a report by the Director-General entitled “Status of Implementation of Executive Council Decision EC-83/DEC.5 (dated 11 November 2016)” (EC-84/DG.25, dated 6 March 2017).

- 6.21 The Council **noted** a Note by the Director-General entitled “Report on the Work of the Declaration Assessment Team” (EC-84/HP/DG.1, dated 2 March 2017).

Subitem 6(d): Other verification-related issues

- 6.22 The Secretariat briefed the Council on its other verification-related activities.

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

- 6.23 The Council **considered** and **noted** a national paper by Iraq entitled “General Plan for Destruction and Request for the Establishment of the Deadlines for the Destruction of Chemical Weapon Remnants Stored in Bunker 13” (EC-84/NAT.4, dated 24 February 2017 and Corr.1, dated 7 March 2017).

- 6.24 The Council **considered** and **noted** another national paper by Iraq entitled “Detailed Information related to the Arrangement between the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the Government of Iraq and the General Plan for the Destruction and Request for the Establishment of the Deadlines for the Destruction of Chemical Weapon Remnants Stored in Bunker 13” (EC-84/HP/NAT.8, dated 24 February 2017).

- 6.25 The Council **considered** and **adopted** a decision entitled “Arrangement Between the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the Government of Iraq” (EC-84/DEC.1, dated 8 March 2017).

- 6.26 The Council **considered** and **adopted** a decision entitled “General Plan for Destruction and Establishment of the Deadlines for the Destruction of Chemical Weapon Remnants Stored at the Al Muthana Site” (EC-84/DEC.2, dated 8 March 2017).

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

- 6.27 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 December 2016 (EC-84/DG.8, dated 17 January 2017).

Subitem 6(g): The Programme to Strengthen Cooperation with Africa on the Chemical Weapons Convention

- 6.28 The Council **considered** and **noted** a Note by the Director-General on the Fourth Phase of the Programme to Strengthen Cooperation with Africa on the Chemical Weapons Convention (EC-84/DG.18, dated 17 February 2017).

Subitem 6(h): Implementation by the Technical Secretariat in 2016 of the regime governing the handling of confidential information

- 6.29 The Council **considered** and **noted** a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the regime governing the handling of confidential information by the Secretariat in 2016 (EC-84/DG.16 C-22/DG.2, dated 14 February 2017).

Subitem 6(i): Status of implementation of the Verification Information System

- 6.30 The Council **took note** of a status report on the Verification Information System (EC-84/S/2, dated 13 January 2017).

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

- 6.31 The Director-General provided an update in regard to the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria.

7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – OPCW Central Analytical Database

The Council **deferred** the consideration of a Note by the Director-General on the lists of new validated data of non-scheduled chemicals for approval by the Council for inclusion in the OPCW Central Analytical Database (EC-84/DG.13, dated 1 February 2017) and the adoption of a draft decision on the matter (EC-84/DEC/CRP.3, dated 1 February 2017) until its next regular session.

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

- 8.1 The report of the Twenty-Fourth Session of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) (SAB-24/1, dated 28 October 2016) was circulated to the members of the Council.
- 8.2 The Council **noted** the response by the Director-General to the report of the Twenty-Fourth Session of the SAB (EC-84/DG.9, dated 18 January 2017).

9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – Countering chemical terrorism

- 9.1 The Council **considered** and **noted** a Note by the Director-General on the status of the OPCW's contribution to global anti-terrorism efforts (EC-84/DG.14, dated 8 February 2017).
- 9.2 The Chairperson of the OEWG on Terrorism, Ambassador Momar Diop of Senegal, briefed the Council on the work of the OEWG during the intersessional period.
- 9.3 The Council **noted** the work done by the facilitator of the Sub-Working Group on Non-State Actors of the OEWG, Ambassador María Teresa Infante of Chile, whose report was circulated to the Council (EC-84/WP.1, dated 28 February 2017).
- 9.4 The Council **deferred** until its next regular session consideration of a draft decision entitled "Addressing the Threat Posed by the Use of Chemical Weapons by Non-State Actors" (EC-82/DEC/CRP.4/Rev.1, dated 14 July 2016).

10. AGENDA ITEM TEN – Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference

At its Seventy-Third Session (paragraph 13.1 of EC-73/6, dated 19 July 2013), 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”, which the Council **considered** and **noted** (EC-83/S/5/Add.1, dated 24 February 2017).

11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Education and outreach

The Council **considered** and **noted** a Note by the Director-General reporting on the activities of the Advisory Board on Education and Outreach in 2016 (EC-84/DG.7 C-22/DG.1, dated 5 January 2017).

12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – Administrative and financial matters

Subitem 12(a): Nomination for membership of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters

- 12.1 The Council **noted** a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters (ABAF) (EC-84/S/1, dated 6 December 2016) and **approved** the nomination of Mr Aramane Giridhar of India to the ABAF, to replace Mr Alok Vardhan Chaturvedi, retroactive to the date of the letter of nomination for Mr Giridhar (26 October 2016).

Subitem 12(b): Status of implementation of the External Auditor’s recommendations

- 12.2 The Council **considered** and **noted** a Note by the Secretariat on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor (EC-84/S/3, dated 18 January 2017).
- 12.3 The facilitator for this issue, Mr Hiroshi Sanomura of Japan, reported on the consultations held during the intersessional period.

Subitem 12(c): Cash deficit for 2014

- 12.4 Further to its consideration of this issue at its previous session, the Council **noted** that the final cash deficit for 2014 amounted to EUR 680,232, as stated in the report by the Director-General entitled “Financial Statements of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and Report of the External Auditor for the Year Ending 31 December 2015” (EC-83/DG.1 C-21/DG.5, dated 8 August 2016), and reported to the ABAF at its Fortieth Session (ABAF-40/1, dated 9 June 2016 and Corr.1, dated 24 June 2016).
- 12.5 The Council **deferred** to its next regular session consideration of a draft decision to suspend, on an exceptional basis, the application of Financial Regulation 6.3 in respect of the allocation among States Parties of cash surpluses in light of the cash deficit for the year 2014 and to review the treatment of future cash surpluses as and when such surpluses are determined (EC-83/DEC/CRP.2/Rev.1, dated 23 February 2017).

Subitem 12(d): Transfers of funds during 2016

- 12.6 The Council **noted** a Note by the Director-General on a request for transfers of funds between chapters and transfers of funds during 2016 (EC-84/DG.17 C-22/DG.3, dated 16 February 2017).

Subitem 12(e): Limit of investments of funds of the OPCW

- 12.7 The Council **noted** a Note by the Director-General on the limit of investments of funds of the OPCW (EC-84/DG.12, dated 31 January 2017).

Subitem 12(f): Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system

- 12.8 Further to the decision by the Conference at its Nineteenth Session on the implementation on an enterprise resource planning (ERP) system and the establishment of a special fund for this purpose (C-19/DEC.7, dated 3 December 2014), the Council **noted** a Note by the Director-General reporting on the status of implementation of the ERP system (EC-84/DG.15, dated 10 February 2017).

Subitem 12(g): Extension of the OPCW Headquarters Tenancy Agreement

- 12.9 At its Twenty-First Session, the Conference delegated to the Council the authority to take action on any matters relating to the Tenancy Agreement of the OPCW Headquarters building at its next regular session (paragraph 24.1 of C-21/5, dated 2 December 2016).
- 12.10 The Council **considered** and **noted** a Note by the Director-General on the extension of the OPCW Headquarters Tenancy Agreement (EC-84/DG.21, dated 23 February 2017 and Add.1, dated 8 March 2017).
- 12.11 The Council **considered** and **adopted** a decision on the extension of the Tenancy Agreement for the OPCW Headquarters building (EC-84/DEC.3, dated 9 March 2017).
- 12.12 A Note by the Director-General on the intended sale of the OPCW Headquarters building (EC-84/DG.19, dated 22 February 2017) was circulated by the Secretariat.

Subitem 12(h): Adjustment to the Director-General's gross salary

- 12.13 In accordance with a decision of the Conference at its First Special Session (C-SS-1/DEC.4, dated 25 July 2002) stipulating that the terms of appointment of the Director-General should be subject to adjustments by the Council to keep the terms in line with those of other executive heads within the United Nations system, the Council **adopted** a decision adjusting the Director-General's gross salary (EC-84/DEC.4, dated 9 March 2017).

13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – Agreements on the privileges and immunities of the OPCW

13.1 The Council **considered** and **concluded** an agreement between the OPCW and the Kingdom of Bahrain on the privileges and immunities of the OPCW (EC-84/DEC.5, dated 9 March 2017).

13.2 The Council also **considered** and **concluded** an agreement between the OPCW and the Kingdom of Cambodia on the privileges and immunities of the OPCW (EC-84/DEC.6, dated 9 March 2017).

14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Council

In accordance with Rule 6 of its Rules of Procedure, and with effect from 12 May 2017, the Council **elected** Ambassador Sheikh Mohammed Belal of Bangladesh as its new Chairperson for a term of office ending on 11 May 2018, and its new Vice-Chairpersons for the same period: Ambassador María Teresa Infante of Chile, Ambassador Roman Bužek of Slovakia, Ambassador Fernando Arias González of Spain, and Ambassador Rahma Salih Elobied of the Sudan.

15. AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – Report by the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The Chairperson of the Council reported on the status of the work of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

16. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Report by the Open-Ended Working Group on the Future Priorities of the OPCW

Pursuant to the decision of the Council on the establishment of an Open-Ended Working Group on the Future Priorities of the OPCW (OEWG-FP) (EC-82/DEC.2, dated 14 July 2016), the Co-Chairpersons of the OEWG-FP, Ambassador Sabine Nölke of Canada and Ambassador Vusi Bruce Koloane of South Africa, had been requested to keep the policy-making organs informed of their work. Ambassador Sabine Nölke of Canada **reported** on behalf of the Co-Chairpersons to the Council on the progress achieved.

17. AGENDA ITEM SEVENTEEN – Appointment of the Director-General

17.1 The Council **considered** and **adopted** a decision on the process for the appointment of the Director-General (EC-84/DEC.7, dated 9 March 2017).

17.2 In the context of the above decision, it **requested** the Chairperson of the Council to invite, on the Council's behalf, States Parties to present their nominations of candidates by no later than 23 June 2017, to enable their consideration at the Eighty-Fifth Session of the Council.

17.3 The Council **further requested** the Chairperson of the Council to undertake, as soon as possible, consultations on issues related to the appointment of the Director-General and other actions that the Chairperson deems appropriate, with a view to assisting the

Council in adopting its recommendation to the Conference at its Twenty-Second Session, in conformity with paragraph 43 of Article VIII of the Convention.

18. AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN – Any other business

The Council **considered** and **adopted** a decision entitled “Chemical Weapons Incident in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia” (EC-84/DEC.8, dated 9 March 2017).

19. AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN – Adoption of the report

The Council **considered** and **adopted** the report of its Eighty-Fourth Session.

20. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY – Closure

The Chairperson closed the session at 15:43 on 9 March 2017.

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