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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-Fourth 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-Fourth 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 7 March 2017.

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-84/1/Rev.1, dated 22 February 2017:

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) 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 Conference²
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

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

14. Election of the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Council
15. Report by the Committee on Relations with the Host Country
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 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 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 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 (EC-84/NAT.2, dated 13 February 2017 and Corr.1, dated 22 February 2017).
- 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 (EC-84/P/NAT.6, dated 13 February 2017).
- 6.7 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 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 (EC-84/NAT.3, dated 15 February 2017).
- 6.8 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 is **requested** to consider and note 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).
- 6.9 A national paper by Iraq entitled “Chemical Weapons Used in the Kirkuk Area of Iraq” has been circulated to the members of the Council (EC-84/P/NAT.3*, dated 14 December 2016).
- 6.10 Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6), a national paper by China and a national paper by Japan (these documents will be

assigned an official reference number when they are 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): Elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme

- 6.11 The Council is **requested** to note 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).
- 6.12 The Council is **requested** to note 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).
- 6.13 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.
- 6.14 Pursuant to the above-mentioned decision, the Director-General shall report to the Council at all future sessions. The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General entitled “Implementation of the Decision on the OPCW-United Nations Joint Investigative Mechanism Reports on Chemical Weapons Use in the Syrian Arab Republic” (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).
- 6.15 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): Other verification-related issues

- 6.16 The Secretariat is expected to brief the Council on its other verification-related activities.

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

- 6.17 The Council is **requested** to consider and note 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” (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).
- 6.18 The Council is **requested** to consider and note 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” (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

6.19 The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision entitled “Arrangement Between the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the Government of Iraq” (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

6.20 The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision entitled “General Plan for Destruction and Establishment of the Deadlines for the Destruction of Chemical Weapon Remnants Stored at the Al Muthana Site” (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

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

6.21 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 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

6.22 The Council is **requested** to consider and note 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

6.23 The Council is **requested** to consider and note 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

6.24 The Council is **requested** to take 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

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

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 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 to adopt a draft decision on the matter (EC-84/DEC/CRP.3, dated 1 February 2017).

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) has been circulated to the members of the Council.

8.2 The Council is **requested** to note 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 is **requested** to consider and note 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 Council will be briefed on the work of the Open-Ended Working Group on Terrorism during the intersessional period.

9.3 Further to its consideration of this issue at its previous session, the Council is **requested** to consider and adopt 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 is **requested** to consider and note (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Education and outreach

The Council is **requested** to consider and note 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 is **requested** to note 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 to approve 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 is **requested** to consider and note 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).

Subitem 12(c): Cash deficit for 2014

- 12.3 Further to its consideration of this issue at its previous session, the Council is **requested** to note 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).

- 12.4 The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt 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

- 12.5 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 2016 (EC-84/DG.17 C-22/DG.3, dated 16 February 2017).

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

- 12.6 The Council is **requested** to note 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

- 12.7 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 is **requested** to note 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

- 12.8 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).
- 12.9 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Director-General on the extension of the OPCW Headquarters Tenancy Agreement (EC-84/DG.21, dated 23 February 2017).
- 12.10 The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the extension of the Tenancy Agreement for the OPCW Headquarters building (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

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

- 12.11 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 shall 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 is **requested** to adopt a draft decision adjusting the Director-General's gross salary (EC-84/DEC/CRP.4, dated 8 February 2017).

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

- 13.1 The Council is **requested** to consider and conclude an agreement between the OPCW and the Kingdom of Bahrain on the privileges and immunities of the OPCW (EC-84/DEC/CRP.1, dated 21 December 2016).
- 13.2 The Council is also **requested** to consider and conclude an agreement between the OPCW and the Kingdom of Cambodia on the privileges and immunities of the OPCW (EC-84/DEC/CRP.2, dated 21 December 2016).

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 is **requested** to elect its new Chairperson for a term of office ending on 11 May 2018, and its new Vice-Chairpersons for the same period. The Chairperson and four Vice-Chairpersons shall be elected from among the representatives accredited to the Council.

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

The Chairperson will report to the Council 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, will report to the Council on the progress achieved.

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

17.1 Paragraph 43 of Article VIII of the Convention stipulates that the Director-General shall be appointed by the Conference upon the recommendation of the Council for a term of four years, renewable for one further term, but not thereafter. In accordance with a recommendation of the Council at its Seventy-Fourth Session (EC-74/DEC.3, dated 10 October 2013), the Conference at its Eighteenth Session considered and adopted a decision renewing the appointment of the present Director-General for one further term of four years, beginning on 25 July 2014 and ending on 24 July 2018 (C-18/DEC.9, dated 4 December 2013).

17.2 The Twenty-Second Session of the Conference being the last regular session before the expiry of the present Director-General's term, the Council is **requested**, pursuant to Rule 48 of its Rules of Procedure, to consider this matter.

18. AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN – Any other business

19. AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN – Adoption of the report

20. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY – Closure