



**NOTE BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

**NOMINATION BY HUNGARY OF A CANDIDATE  
FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

1. At its Eighty-Fourth Session, the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) adopted a decision on the process for the appointment of the Director-General (EC-84/DEC.7, dated 9 March 2017) requesting the Chairperson of the Council to invite, on the Council’s behalf, States Parties to present their nominations of candidates for the position of Director-General of the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) by no later than 23 June 2017, to enable their consideration at the Eighty-Fifth Session of the Council.
2. The Permanent Representation of Hungary to the OPCW has submitted to the Chairperson of the Council a note verbale informing her of the nomination by the Government of Hungary of H.E. Ambassador Tibor Tóth, Executive Secretary Emeritus of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, as candidate for the position of Director-General.
3. Pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, the above-mentioned note verbale is herewith circulated to the members of the Council and all other States Parties.

Annex (English only): Note Verbale of the Permanent Representation of Hungary to the OPCW





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**Note Verbale**

The Permanent Representation of Hungary to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) presents its compliments to the Chairperson of the Executive Council, H.E. Ambassador Odette Melono and with reference to the letter L/PMO/208935/17 dated 14 March 2017, has the honour to inform the Chairperson that the Government of Hungary has decided to nominate Ambassador Tibor Tóth as candidate for the position of Director-General of the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW. The curriculum vitae of Ambassador Tibor Tóth is enclosed herewith.

In this regard, it would be highly appreciated if the Chairperson would inform States Parties of the nomination of Hungary.

The Permanent Representation of Hungary avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Chairperson of the Executive Council the assurances of its highest consideration.



**H.E. Ambassador Odette Melono,  
the Chairperson of the Executive Council,  
Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons**

**CC to all regional coordinators:**

Chargé d'Affaires a.i. Ms. Rose Sumbeiywo, Coordinator for the African Region

H.E. Mr. Alireza Jahangiri, Coordinator for the Asian Region

H.E. Mr. Roman Bužek, Coordinator for the East European Region

H.E. Mr. Luis Raúl Estévez López, Coordinator for the Latin American and Caribbean Region

H.E. Mr. Philippe Lalliot, Coordinator for the Western European Region and Other States



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**TIBOR TÓTH**  
**Curriculum Vitae**



*Tibor Tóth is **Executive Secretary Emeritus** of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO). He is a Fellow and **Trustee** of the Board of the **World Academy of Art and Science**. In 2011-2013 he was member and later **Chair** of the **World Economic Forum's** WMD Global Agenda Council.*

*From 2005 to 2013, he was the **Executive Secretary** of the CTBTO, an intergovernmental organization of 183 Member States. Tóth has 16 years of experience in nuclear test ban matters. As **CTBTO Executive Secretary**, he managed a staff of 300 and an annual budget of USD 120 million. CTBTO operates a global system of some 500 monitoring and communication facilities, representing a 1 billion dollar investment. The CTBTO was instrumental in detecting the nuclear weapon tests by the DPRK and contributed to the early warning of the tsunami generated by the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and to the disaster management of the ensuing Fukushima nuclear accident.*

*Ambassador Tóth has an aggregated 30 years of leadership experience in nuclear, biological, chemical and conventional arms control, non-proliferation and disarmament. Tóth served as **Ambassador** and **Permanent Representative** to the United Nations Office in **Geneva** (1990–1993 and 2003–2005), **Vienna** (1997–2001) and **The Hague** (1993). He represented Hungary at the **Conference on Disarmament (CD)**, the **Preparatory Commission of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)**, the **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)** and the **CTBTO**. From 1986 to 2012, Tóth has participated in all sessions of the **UN General Assembly** and its **First Committee** in **New York**. Tóth served as **Deputy State Secretary** of Defense responsible for international affairs (1994–1996).*

*Ambassador Tóth has accumulated some 15 years of experience in **biological** weapons prohibition and another 15 years in **chemical** weapons disarmament. As **Chair**, Tóth led the all the negotiations on an implementation regime for the **Biological Weapon Convention** (1991–2003). Tóth launched the on-going intersessional process on the implementation of the **BWC** and put in place its support secretariat. He negotiated the provisions on the **Executive Council of the Chemical Weapons Convention** and triggered in 1996 the entry into force of the **CWC** through Hungary's decisive ratification.*

*From 1986 to 1990 he was also in charge of Hungary's **conventional** force reduction and confidence building measures. As **Deputy State Secretary** he put in place enhanced **confidence and security building measures** with Romania and Slovakia. Tóth initiated in 1989 the joint organization by Canada and Hungary of the **Open Skies** Conference, leading later to the **Open Skies Treaty** and the two countries becoming its depositaries. Tóth set in motion Hungary's voluntary renunciation of anti-personnel **landmines** in 1997, the second unilateral ban legislation worldwide prior to the **Ottawa Convention**.*



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### Assignments

- 2005 – 2013 **Executive Secretary, CTBTO** Preparatory Commission
- 2003 – 2005 **Ambassador** and Permanent Representative, **Geneva**  
United Nations Office and other International Organizations,  
Conference on Disarmament
- 2001 – 2003 **Ambassador-at-Large** for Non-proliferation and Critical Technologies
- 1997 – 2001 **Ambassador** and Permanent Representative, **Vienna**  
United Nations Office and other International Organizations,  
CTBTO, IAEA, Nuclear Suppliers Group, Wassenaar Arrangement, UNIDO
- 1996 – 1997 **Ambassador-at-Large** for Non-proliferation,  
Head of Interagency Committee on Weapons of Mass Destruction
- 1994 – 1996 **Deputy State Secretary** of Defence in charge of International Affairs
- 1993 **Ambassador** and Permanent Representative, **The Hague**  
Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (Preparatory Commission)
- 1990 – 1993 **Ambassador** and Permanent Representative, **Geneva**  
United Nations Office and other International Organizations,  
Conference on Disarmament
- 1989 – 1990 **Head** of the **Open Skies** Conference delegation (Ottawa and Budapest),  
Head of Budapest Open Skies Conference Organizational Host Team
- 1988 – 1990 Foreign Ministry **Spokesman** (Disarmament)
- 1987 – 1990 **Head** of Arms Control and Disarmament **Task Force**
- 1986 – 1990 **Deputy Head** of Department, **Department for International Organizations**,  
political, security, human rights, humanitarian and cultural issues,  
all (non-economic) UN issues, General Assembly and Security Council matters,  
specialized organizations
- 1982 – 1986 **Attaché** and **Third Secretary**, **Geneva**  
United Nations Office and other International Organizations,  
Conference on Disarmament
- 1980 – 1982 **Desk Officer** (multilateral disarmament), International Organizations **Department**
- 1977 – 1980 **Desk Officer** (arms control and security policy), European Security **Department**





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### **Offices held and contributions**

**World Academy of Art and Science**, Fellow (2013) and **Trustee of the Board**, 2016

**CTBTO** Preparatory Commission, **Executive Secretary Emeritus**, 2013

**World Economic Forum**, WMD Global Agenda Council, Member and **Chair** (2011-2013)  
**United Nations Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Disarmament**, **Member**, 2004 – 2005

**CTBTO** subsidiary body responsible for programmatic, budgetary and regulatory matters, **Chairperson**, 1996 – 2004

International Conference of the **Red Cross**, Committee **Rapporteur**, 2003

Annual Meeting of States Parties to the **Biological Weapons Convention**, **Chairperson**, 2003

**BWC** Meeting of Experts, **Chairperson**, 2003

**BWC** Review Conference, **President**, 2001 – 2002

**BWC** Ad Hoc Group (implementation regime) negotiations, **Chairperson**, 1995 – 2001

Legislation on the voluntary renunciation and destruction by Hungary of anti-personnel **landmines** – Hungary was the second country worldwide to unilaterally enact such a law prior to the Ottawa Convention, **Initiator**, 1996 – 1997

Hungary's ratification of the **Chemical Weapons Convention**, triggering its entry into force, **Initiator**, 1996 – 1997

**BWC** Review Conference, Drafting Committee, **Chairperson**, 1996

**Certain Conventional Weapons** Review Conference, Committee **Chairperson**, 1995 – 1996

**Confidence building** agreements with Romania and Slovakia, **Initiator**, 1995 – 1996

Special Conference of States Parties to the **BWC**, **President**, 1994

**OPCW** Preparatory Commission, Information Technology Expert Group, **Chairperson**, 1993

**BWC** Group of Governmental Experts (VEREX), **Chairperson**, 1992 – 1993

**CWC** negotiations, negotiating provisions on the Executive Council, **Friend of the Chair**, 1992



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**BWC Review Conference, Drafting Committee, Chairperson, 1991,**

**Open Skies** Conference organized and hosted by Canada and Hungary (later depositaries), **Initiator** of the co-organization, **Head** of delegation to the Ottawa Open Skies Conference, **Chair** and **Head** of the Organizational Team, Budapest Open Skies Conference, **1989 – 1990**

United Nations Group of **Governmental Experts on Verification, Member, 1989 – 1990**

Paris Ministerial Conference on the **CWC**, Committee **Chairperson, 1989**

### **Participation in conferences and organizations**

All UN General Assembly **First Committee** sessions **since 1986**

**Non-Proliferation Treaty** Review Conferences **1980, 1985, 1990, 2005 and 2010**

**Conference on Disarmament 1982 – 86, 1990 – 93 (Ambassador), 2003 – 05 (Ambassador)**

Geneva disarmament fora and **review conferences 1982 – 1986, 1990 – 1993, 2003 – 2005**

**International Atomic Energy Agency** and its Board of Governors (Governor) **1997 – 2001**

**Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons**, Preparatory Commission **1993 – 97**

**Chemical Weapons Convention negotiations** in the Conference on Disarmament **1982 – 92**

All **Biological Weapons Convention** follow-up and implementation conferences (Chairman) **1991– 2003**

### **Personal details**

**Born:** 1954, Debrecen, Hungary

**Education:** University of International Relations, Moscow, 1972 –1977

**Languages:** English, French and Russian

**Family:** Married, two children

**Hobbies:** architecture/interior design, floral photography, history, tennis and snow boarding

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