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Executive Council

Eighty-Fifth Session

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NOTE BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

**NOMINATION BY LITHUANIA 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 Lithuania to the OPCW has submitted to the Chairperson of the Council a note verbale informing him of the nomination by the Government of Lithuania of H.E. Ambassador Vaidotas Verba, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, 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 Lithuania to the OPCW





**PERMANENT REPRESENTATION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA TO
THE ORGANISATION FOR THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS**

No. (53.1.2.4.) SN53-29/2017

NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Representation of the Republic of Lithuania to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons presents its compliments to the Chairperson of the Executive Council, H.E. Ambassador Sheikh Mohammed Belal and with reference to the letter L/PMO/20893/17 dated 14 March 2017, has the honour to inform that the Government of Lithuania has decided to present the candidature of Ambassador Vaidotas Verba for the appointment to the position of Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

The curriculum vitae of Ambassador Vaidotas Verba is enclosed herewith.

The Permanent Representation of the Republic of Lithuania to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Chairperson of the Executive Council the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 31 May 2017



H.E. Ambassador Sheikh Mohammed Belal,
The Chairperson of the Executive Council
Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
The Hague

CC to the OPCW regional coordinators:

Second Counsellor of the Embassy of Kenya Mr. Kevin Thuo, Coordinator for the African regional group

H.E. Mr. Alireza Jahangiri, Coordinator for the Asian regional group

H.E. Mr. Roman Kirn, Coordinator for the East European regional group

Counsellor of the Embassy of Guatemala Mrs. Celeste Marinelli, Coordinator for the Latin American and Caribbean regional group

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

CURRICULUM VITAE
AMBASSADOR VAIDOTAS VERBA

Senior foreign service career with over 25 years of diplomatic and managerial service, extensive experience in diplomacy and multilateral relations, representing Lithuania in bilateral, regional and multilateral security issues, currently occupying post of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine; managing programs and projects among different stakeholders; experience in multicultural relations and development issues; effective in introducing result based management and cost effective strategies; deep knowledge and practical experience in CWC implementation and disarmament machinery; broad communication skills with the media. Fluent in English, Russian, basic knowledge of French and German.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

01/09/2014 until now	OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine (Head of Mission)
04/2014 – 08/2014	Team leader of the Odessa Group of OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine
2012 – 2014	Ambassador at Large, Special Envoy for Eastern Partnership
2013	Chief Coordinator for the Preparations of Vilnius Eastern Partnership Summit
2007 – 2012	Ambassador of the Republic of Lithuania to The Kingdom of the Netherlands
2004 – 2007	Director, Consular Department, MFA of the Republic of Lithuania
2003 – 2004	Deputy-Director, Consular Department, MFA of the Republic of Lithuania
2000 – 2003	Minister Counsellor, Lithuanian Embassy in Canada
1994 – 2003	Various positions at the MFA of the Republic of Lithuania

OPCW EXPERIENCE

2007 – 2012	Permanent Representative to the OPCW
2009 – 2010	Chairman of the Conference of the State Parties
2011 – 2012	Chair of the Committee of the Whole of the Conference of the State Parties

AWARDS

- Knight's Cross of the Order for Merits to Lithuania (2003);
- Civil Service Merit Cross of Spain (2005)
- Knight's Grand Cross of the Order of Orange-Nassau (2008)

EDUCATION:

2009	Master in Law, Vilnius University
1994 – 1995	University of Birmingham, Graduate School of Political Science and International Studies
1984 – 1988	Lithuanian Physical Education Academy
Date of Birth	26 September 1966
Place of Birth	Raseiniai, Republic of Lithuania
Marital status	Married, one son.