



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

**WITHDRAWAL BY IRAQ OF A CANDIDATE  
FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

1. A Note by the Chairperson of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) (EC-85/10, dated 8 June 2017) was circulated to the members of the Council and all other States Parties, informing them of the nomination by the Government of Iraq of H.E. Ambassador Saywan Sabir Barzani, Permanent Representative of Iraq to the OPCW, as candidate for the position of Director-General of the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).
2. Further to this communication, the Permanent Representation of Iraq to the OPCW officially informed the Chairperson, by a note verbale dated 21 September 2017, that the Government of Iraq had withdrawn the candidature of H.E. Ambassador Saywan Sabir Barzani for the position of Director-General.
3. At the request of the Permanent Representation of Iraq to the OPCW, and 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 Iraq to the OPCW



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The Permanent Representation of The Republic of Iraq to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) presents its compliments to the Chairperson of the Executive Council H.E. Sheikh Mohammed Belal and with reference to our letter Ref.3/8/14 dated 6<sup>th</sup> Jun 2017, has the honor to inform that the Government of Iraq has decided to withdraw the nomination of Ambassador Saywan Sabir Barzani for the appointment to the position of Director General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

In this regard, it would be highly appreciated if the Chairperson would inform the State Parties of this decision.

The Permanent Representation of The Republic of Iraq to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Chairperson of the Executive Council the assurances of its highest consideration.

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