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This revised 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-Eighth 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-Eighth Session of the Council will be opened in The Hague by the Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Jana Reinišová of the Czech Republic, at 10:00 on 10 July 2018.

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-88/1 (dated 8 June 2018):

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 Chemical Weapons 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) Facility agreements
 - (f) Verification Implementation Report for 2017
 - (g) Technical Secretariat's activities: update on the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria
 - (h) Timely submission of declarations under Article VI
 - (i) Article VII: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat
 - (j) The content of the assistance and protection data bank and its use
 - (k) Article X: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat
 - (l) Article XI: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat
 - (m) Report by the Director-General on the Technical Secretariat's readiness to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use
7. OPCW Central Analytical Database
 8. Report of the Scientific Advisory Board
 9. Countering chemical terrorism
 10. Draft annual report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention in 2017
 11. Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight:
 - (a) Implementation in 2017 of the recommendations contained in the 2016 annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight
 - (b) Annual Report of the Office of Internal Oversight for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2017
 12. Administrative and financial matters:
 - (a) Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
 - (b) Nominations for membership of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
 - (c) Transfers of funds during 2017
 - (d) Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system

- (e) Composition of the Technical Secretariat
 - (f) Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2017
13. Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference²
 14. Credentials of representatives of the members of the Executive Council
 15. Provisional agenda for the Twenty-Third Session of the Conference of the States Parties
 16. Dates for the regular sessions of the Executive Council in 2019
 17. Briefing by the Co-Chairpersons of the Open-Ended Working Group on the Future Priorities of the OPCW
 18. Briefing by the Chairperson of the Open-Ended Working Group for the Preparation of the Fourth Review Conference
 19. Any other business
 20. Adoption of the report
 21. 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 Yun-young Lee of the Republic of Korea on chemical weapons issues, Ambassador Paul van den IJssel of the Netherlands on chemical industry and other Article VI issues, Ambassador Gladys Marithza Ruíz Sánchez de Vielman of Guatemala on administrative and financial issues, and Ambassador Oji Nyimenuate Ngofa of Nigeria on legal, organisational, and other issues.
- 5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – General debate**

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

6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – Status of implementation of the Chemical Weapons 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 with respect to the destruction of the remaining chemical weapons stockpiles (EC-88/DG.20, dated 2 July 2018).

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 (EC-88/DG.9, dated 6 July 2018).

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-88/NAT.3, dated 18 June 2018).

6.6 Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6) and the destruction plan beyond the year 2016 for the chemical weapons abandoned by Japan in China (EC-84/NAT.6, dated 2 March 2017) attached as Annex 2 to Council decision EC-67/DEC.6, and adopted by the Council at its Eighty-Fourth Session (paragraph 6.14 of EC-84/2, dated 9 March 2017), a national paper by China (EC-88/NAT.4, dated 28 June 2018) and a national paper by Japan (EC-88/NAT.2, dated 18 June 2018) 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

6.7 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.

- 6.8 The Council is **requested** to note Notes by the Director-General reporting on progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme (EC-88/DG.1, dated 23 March 2018; EC-88/DG.3, dated 24 April 2018; EC-88/DG.8, dated 24 May 2018; and EC-88/DG.16, dated 22 June 2018).
- 6.9 The Council is **requested** to note the national papers by the Syrian Arab Republic on the activities related to the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons and their production facilities (EC-88/P/NAT.1, dated 21 March 2018; EC-88/P/NAT.2, dated 18 April 2018; EC-88/P/NAT.3, dated 22 May 2018; and EC-88/P/NAT.4, dated 20 June 2018).
- 6.10 Pursuant to decision EC-83/DEC.5, the Director-General shall report to the Council at all future sessions. The Council is **requested** to note a report by the Director-General entitled “Status of Implementation of Executive Council Decision EC-83/DEC.5 (dated 11 November 2016)” (EC-88/DG.13, dated 14 June 2018).
- 6.11 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General entitled “Report on the Work of the Declaration Assessment Team” (EC-88/HP/DG.2, dated 28 June 2018).

Subitem 6(d): Other verification-related issues

- 6.12 The Secretariat is expected to brief the Council on its other verification-related activities.
- 6.13 Further to the decision of the Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session on the policy guidelines for determining the number of Article VI inspections (EC-66/DEC.10, dated 7 October 2011), the Council is **requested** to note a report by the Director-General on the results of the sixth year of implementation of these policy guidelines (EC-88/DG.2, dated 10 April 2018).

Subitem 6(e): Facility agreements

- 6.14 The Secretariat has submitted to the Council a Note on amendments, modifications, and updates to the facility arrangement with Japan regarding on-site inspections at a Schedule 1 facility for protective purposes (EC-88/S/1, dated 14 May 2018).
- 6.15 Proposed amendments to the aforementioned facility arrangement have been submitted separately to the Council, which is **requested** to consider and approve them (EC-88/DEC/CRP.1, dated 14 May 2018 and EC-88/HP/DEC/CRP.1, dated 14 May 2018).
- 6.16 The Secretariat has submitted to the Council a Note on amendments to the facility agreement with Slovakia regarding on-site inspections at a Schedule 1 facility for protective purposes (EC-88/S/2, dated 30 May 2018).
- 6.17 Proposed amendments to the aforementioned facility agreement have been submitted separately to the Council, which is **requested** to consider and approve them (EC-88/DEC/CRP.2 and EC-88/P/DEC/CRP.2, both dated 30 May 2018).

- 6.18 The Secretariat has also submitted a Note on modifications to the facility agreement with the United States of America regarding on-site inspections at the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant Explosive Destruction System Chemical Weapons Destruction Facility Pueblo, Colorado, the United States of America (EC-88/S/6, dated 2 July 2018).

Subitem 6(f): Verification Implementation Report for 2017

- 6.19 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the Verification Implementation Report (VIR) for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2017 (EC-88/HP/DG.1, dated 16 May 2018 and Corr.1, dated 3 July 2018). The Council is also **requested** to note the Note by the Director-General on the comments and views received on the 2017 VIR (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations), as well as the Chairperson's summary of the informal consultations on it (EC-88/2, dated 28 June 2018).

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

- 6.20 The Director-General is expected to provide an update in regard to the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria.
- 6.21 The Secretariat circulated the "Report of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria regarding Alleged Incidents in Ltamenah, the Syrian Arab Republic, 24 and 25 March 2017" (S/1636/2018*, dated 13 June 2018).
- 6.22 The Secretariat circulated the "Interim Report of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria Regarding the Incident of Alleged Use of Toxic Chemicals as a Weapon in Douma, Syrian Arab Republic, on 7 April 2018" (S/1645/2018, dated 6 July 2018).

Subitem 6(h): Timely submission of declarations under Article VI

- 6.23 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 May 2018 (EC-88/DG.14, dated 20 June 2018).

Subitem 6(i): Article VII: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat

- 6.24 The facilitator for this issue, Mr Stefano Dell'Aquila of Italy, is expected to report on the consultations carried out during the intersessional period.
- 6.25 The Secretariat will make a presentation on the status of implementation of Article VII.

Subitem 6(j): The content of the assistance and protection data bank and its use

6.26 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Secretariat on the content of the assistance and protection data bank and its use (EC-88/S/5, dated 14 June 2018).

Subitem 6(k): Article X: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat

6.27 The facilitator for this issue, Mr Martin Pizinger of the Czech Republic, is expected to report on the consultations carried out during the intersessional period.

6.28 The Secretariat will make a presentation on the status of implementation of Article X.

Subitem 6(l): Article XI: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat

6.29 The facilitator for this issue, Ms Kani Shareef of Iraq, is expected to report on the consultations carried out during the intersessional period

6.30 The Secretariat will make a presentation on the programme of activities for 2018 in relation to Article XI.

Subitem 6(m): Report by the Director-General on the Technical Secretariat's readiness to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use

6.31 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Director-General reporting on the readiness of the Secretariat to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use (EC-88/DG.19, dated 29 June 2018).

7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – OPCW Central Analytical Database

7.1 The Council is **requested** to consider a Note by the Director-General on the lists of newly validated data on non-scheduled chemicals relevant to the Convention for approval by the Council for inclusion in the OPCW Central Analytical Database (EC-88/DG.12, dated 6 June 2018) and to adopt a draft decision on the matter (EC-88/DEC/CRP.4, dated 6 June 2018).

7.2 The Council is also **requested** to consider a Note by the Director-General on the lists of newly validated data on scheduled chemicals for approval by the Council for inclusion in the OPCW Central Analytical Database (EC-88/DG.11, dated 6 June 2018 and Corr.1, dated 3 July 2018) and to adopt a draft decision on the matter (EC-88/DEC/CRP.3, dated 6 June 2018 and Corr.1, dated 3 July 2018).

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

8.1 The report of the Twenty-Seventh Session of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB-27/1, dated 23 March 2018) 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-Seventh Session of the Scientific Advisory Board (EC-88/DG.5, dated 9 May 2018).

9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – Countering chemical terrorism

The Chairperson of the Open-Ended Working Group on Terrorism (OEWG-T), Ambassador Oji Nyimenuate Ngofa of Nigeria, is expected to brief the Council on the work of the OEWG-T during the intersessional period.

10. AGENDA ITEM TEN – Draft annual report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention in 2017

The Council is **requested** to consider the “Draft Report of the OPCW on the Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction in 2017” (EC-88/CRP.1, dated 25 April 2018), and to forward it to the Conference for consideration at its Twenty-Third Session.

11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight

Subitem 11(a): Implementation in 2017 of the recommendations contained in the 2016 annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight

- 11.1 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the implementation in 2017 of the recommendations contained in the 2016 annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight (OIO) (EC-88/DG.10, dated 1 June 2018).

- 11.2 The facilitator for this issue, Ms Bettina Gorczynski of the United States of America, is expected to report on the consultations held during the intersessional period.

Subitem 11(b): Annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2017

- 11.3 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the annual report of the OIO for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2017 (EC-88/DG.6 C-23/DG.3, dated 16 May 2018), which the Director-General has submitted to it, along with his comments. The Council is also **requested** to make any comments it deems appropriate on the report. In accordance with Financial Regulation 12.5, the Director-General will transmit the report to the Conference at its Twenty-Third Session, together with his own comments and any that the Council may deem appropriate.

12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – Administrative and financial matters

Subitem 12(a): Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters

- 12.1 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the report of the Forty-Fourth Session of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters (ABAF), which took place from 5 to 8 June 2018 (ABAF-44/1, dated 8 June 2018), and a Note by the Director-General containing comments on the report of the ABAF at that session (EC-88/DG.18, dated 28 June 2018).

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

- 12.2 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the ABAF (EC-88/S/3, dated 8 June 2018) and to appoint Mr Milan Kerber of the Czech Republic for a fourth term with the ABAF, retroactive to the date of the letter of nomination for Mr Kerber (29 May 2018).
- 12.3 The Council is also **requested** to note a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the ABAF (EC-88/S/4, dated 8 June 2018), and to appoint Ms Qian Wang of China, replacing Mr Zhongkun Hu, retroactive to the date of the letter of nomination for Ms Qian Wang (25 May 2018).

Subitem 12(c): Transfers of funds during 2017

- 12.4 Further to its consideration of this issue at its previous session, 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 2017 (EC-87/DG.13 C-23/DG.2, dated 15 February 2018).

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

- 12.5 Further to the decision by the Conference at its Nineteenth Session on the implementation of 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-88/DG.17, dated 25 June 2018).

Subitem 12(e): Composition of the Technical Secretariat

- 12.6 The Council is **requested** to note the Director-General's annual report on the composition of the Secretariat (EC-88/DG.7, dated 22 May 2018).

Subitem 12(f): Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2017

- 12.7 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2017 (EC-88/DG.4, dated 7 May 2018).

13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – 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” (EC-86/S/6/Add.2, dated 28 June 2018), which the Council is **requested** to consider and note.

14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Credentials of representatives of the members of the Executive Council

The Council is **requested** to consider and approve a report by the Director-General on the credentials of representatives of members of the Council, which covers the credentials of the newly elected members of the Council (EC-88/DG.21, dated 5 July 2018).

15. AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – Provisional agenda for the Twenty-Third Session of the Conference of the States Parties

The Council is **requested** to draw up the provisional agenda for the Twenty-Third Session of the Conference (EC-88/DG.15, dated 21 June 2018).

16. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Dates for the regular sessions of the Executive Council in 2019

The Council is **requested** to consider dates for its regular sessions in 2019.

17. AGENDA ITEM SEVENTEEN – Briefing by the Co-Chairpersons of 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.

18. AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN – Briefing by the Chairperson of the Open-Ended Working Group for the Preparation of the Fourth Review Conference

18.1 The Conference at its Twenty-Second Session established an open-ended working group to begin preparations, in cooperation with the Secretariat, for the Fourth Review Conference, which will be convened in accordance with paragraph 22 of Article VIII of the Convention (paragraph 25.2 of C-22/5*, dated 1 December 2017).

18.2 The Chairperson of the Open-Ended Working Group for the Preparation of the Fourth Review Conference (OEWG-RC), Ambassador I Gusti Agung Wesaka Puja of Indonesia, is expected to brief the Council on the activities of the OEWG-RC.

19. **AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN – Any other business**
20. **AGENDA ITEM TWENTY – Adoption of the report**
21. **AGENDA ITEM TWENTY–ONE – Closure**

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