## **Executive Council**



Thirty-Seventh Meeting 8 January 2014

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## REPORT OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the meeting

The Chairperson of the Executive Council (hereinafter "the Council"), Ambassador Olexander Horin of Ukraine, opened its Thirty-Seventh Meeting in The Hague at 10:27 on 8 January 2014.

2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Adoption of the agenda

The Council **considered** and **adopted** the following agenda:

- 1. Opening of the meeting
- 2. Adoption of the agenda
- 3. Implementation of the decisions of the Executive Council at its Thirty-Third Meeting (EC-M-33/DEC.1, dated 27 September 2013) and at its Thirty-Fourth Meeting (EC-M-34/DEC.1, dated 15 November 2013)
- 4. Implementation of the decision of the Executive Council at its Thirty-Sixth Meeting (EC-M-36/DEC.2, dated 17 December 2013)
- 5. Report by the Syrian Arab Republic on the progress of destruction of chemical weapons and chemical weapons production facilities on its territory
- 6. Destruction-related plans and facility agreements
- 7. Any other business
- 8. Adoption of the report
- 9. Closure
- 3. AGENDA ITEM THREE Implementation of the decisions of the Executive Council at its Thirty-Third Meeting (EC-M-33/DEC.1, dated 27 September 2013) and at its Thirty-Fourth Meeting (EC-M-34/DEC.1, dated 15 November 2013)
- 3.1 The Council **noted** a Note by the Director-General, reporting on progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme (EC-M-37/DG.1, dated 23 December 2013).

- 3.2 The Council **decided** to consider a Note by the Technical Secretariat on the model agreement specifying the arrangements governing on-site inspections at the commercial chemical disposal facilities selected pursuant to paragraph 24 of EC-M-34/DEC.1 (dated 15 November 2013) (EC-M-37/S/1, dated 7 January 2014) at its next meeting.
- 4. AGENDA ITEM FOUR Implementation of the decision of the Executive Council at its Thirty-Sixth Meeting (EC-M-36/DEC.2, dated 17 December 2013)
- 4.1 The Council **noted** the statement by the Director-General (EC-M-37/DG.3, dated 8 January 2014).
- 4.2 The Council **noted** a Note by the Director-General on the implementation of the plan for the destruction of chemical weapons outside the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic (EC-M-37/DG.2, dated 7 January 2014).
- 5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE Report by the Syrian Arab Republic on the progress of destruction of chemical weapons and chemical weapons production facilities on its territory

The Council **noted** a national paper of the Syrian Arab Republic on progress relating to the destruction of chemical weapons and chemical weapons production facilities on its territory (EC-M-37/P/NAT.1, dated 20 December 2013). The Council **noted** that, notwithstanding the technical difficulties resulting in delays, the transportation of priority chemicals began on 7 January 2014, and **encouraged** all States Parties in a position to do so to maintain the momentum.

- 6. AGENDA ITEM SIX Destruction-related plans and facility agreements
- The Council **considered** and **approved** a decision on the agreed detailed plan for verification of the destruction of chemical weapons at the Cape Ray Field Deployable Hydrolysis System (FDHS) Chemical Weapons Destruction Facility (CWDF) (EC-M-37/DEC.1, dated 8 January 2014).
- 6.2 The Council also **considered** and **approved** a decision on a facility agreement between the OPCW and the Government of the United States of America regarding on-site inspections at the Cape Ray FDHS CWDF (EC-M-37/DEC.2, dated 8 January 2014).
- 7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN Any other business

The Council was informed by the Representative of Libya of the status of the destruction of Category 1 chemical weapons at the Ruwagha CWDF. The Director-General made a statement that he will keep the Council informed of the progress.

## 8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – Adoption of the report

The Council **considered** and **adopted** the report of its Thirty-Seventh Meeting.

## 9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – Closure

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 13:10 on 8 January 2014.

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