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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

NOTIFICATION OF THE INTENDED SALE OF THE OPCW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

- 1. The Director-General briefed the Executive Council Bureau (hereinafter "the Bureau") at its meeting on 29 April 2014 on the notification that he had received from the current owner of the OPCW Headquarters building regarding its intended sale. The Director-General shared the attached document with the Bureau members and informed them that he would circulate the notification to all States Parties for information purposes.
- 2. The above-mentioned notification is annexed hereto.

Annex:

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- 1. The current owner of the OPCW Headquarters building, Den Haag Fonds GmbH & Co., has recently informed the Technical Secretariat that it wishes to sell the building to a third party, namely, CK Capital Partners BV.
- 2. In this regard, I recall my Note submitted to the Executive Council (hereinafter "the Council") at its Sixty-Second Session (EC-62/DG.17, dated 7 October 2010), in which information received from the current owner of the OPCW Headquarters building, Den Haag Fonds GmbH & Co., regarding its intention to sell the building, was conveyed to the Council.
- 3. Section 12 of the Tenancy Agreement provides, inter alia, that if the Lessor wishes to sell the OPCW building, the Lessor shall notify the OPCW in writing and the OPCW shall have the preferential right to purchase the OPCW building.
- 4. Further to the aforementioned Note (EC-62/DG.17), I informed the building owner in writing that the OPCW was not interested in purchasing the building.
- 5. Considering that Article 12.3 of the Tenancy Agreement, which provides that "any sale of the Leased Premises shall not affect this agreement" and that "the successor shall be bound by this agreement in the same way as a right *in rem*", I wish to inform the States Parties that I intend to send a letter to the current owner of the building requesting that it provide the prospective buyer, CK Capital Partners BV, with a copy of the Tenancy Agreement and that CK Capital Partners BV, in turn, provide the OPCW with written confirmation that it will be bound by the terms and conditions of this Tenancy Agreement upon purchase of the OPCW Headquarters building.

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