



### REPORT OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

#### 1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the session

The Chairperson of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”), Ambassador Jana Reinišová of the Czech Republic, opened its Eighty-Ninth Session in The Hague, at 10:10 on 9 October 2018.

#### 2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Adoption of the agenda

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

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 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
  - (c) Elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme
  - (d) Other verification-related issues
  - (e) Supplement to the Verification Implementation Report for 2017
  - (f) Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use
  - (g) Technical Secretariat’s activities: update on the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria
  - (h) Status of implementation of Article VII



- (i) Status of implementation of Article X
  - (j) Status of implementation of Article XI
  - (k) Progress made in the implementation of the action plan for the universality of the Convention
  - (l) Report by the Scientific Advisory Board on new types of nerve agents
7. Countering chemical terrorism
8. Education and outreach
9. Administrative and financial matters:
- (a) Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
  - (b) Financial Statements of the OPCW and the External Auditor's report for the year ending 31 December 2017
  - (c) Submission of the 2018 Financial Statements to the External Auditor
  - (d) Status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor
  - (e) Amendments to OPCW Financial Regulation 6.3
  - (f) Cash surplus for 2016
  - (g) Establishment of a special fund for cybersecurity, business continuity, and physical infrastructure security
  - (h) Establishment of a special fund for IT infrastructure to support the implementation of C-SS-4/DEC.3
  - (i) Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2019, and all items pertaining to this Budget
  - (j) Cash situation and the use of the Working Capital Fund for the financial year to 31 August 2018
  - (k) Special Fund for OPCW Special Missions
  - (l) Status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans to regularise the payment of their outstanding annual contributions
  - (m) Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system
  - (n) Charter of the Office of Internal Oversight

- (o) Implementation of the amendment to the Staff Regulations regarding downward classification of posts during the period from 14 August 2017 to 13 August 2018
  - (p) The OPCW tenure policy
  - (q) Amendments to the Staff Regulations of the OPCW
10. The OPCW Programme for Africa
  11. Draft report of the Executive Council on the performance of its activities
  12. Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference<sup>1</sup>
  13. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country
  14. Briefing by the Chairperson of the Open-Ended Working Group for the Preparation of the Fourth Review Conference<sup>2</sup>
  15. Provisional agenda for the Fourth Review Conference
  16. Any other business
  17. Adoption of the report
  18. Closure

**3. AGENDA ITEM THREE – Opening statement by the Director-General**

The Council **noted** the opening statement by the Director-General (EC-89/DG.31, dated 9 October 2018).

**4. AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Reports by the Vice-Chairpersons on the activities conducted under their respective clusters of issues**

- 4.1 The Vice-Chairpersons and coordinators for clusters of issues reported to the Council on informal consultations held during the intersessional period: Ambassador Yun-young Lee of the Republic of Korea on chemical weapons issues, Mr Wolfgang Rechenhofer of Germany (on behalf of Ambassador Paul van den IJssel of the Netherlands) on chemical-industry and other Article VI issues, Mr Lester Antonio Ortega Lemus of Guatemala (on behalf of 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

<sup>2</sup> Fourth Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

- 4.2 The Council **welcomed** the appointment of Mr Junaid Sadiq of Pakistan as the new facilitator on Article XI, and H.E. Ambassador Gladys Marithza Ruíz Sánchez de Vielman of Guatemala as the new facilitator on universality.

**5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – General debate**

The following delegations made statements during the general debate: Austria (on behalf of the European Union), the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China), Morocco (on behalf of the African Group), the Netherlands, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Portugal, China, Australia (observer), Germany, the Republic of Korea, Spain (observer), the United States of America, Indonesia, New Zealand (observer), Japan, Estonia, France, Pakistan, Denmark, Chile, Peru, Finland (observer), Canada, Colombia, Sweden (observer), Ukraine, Cuba (observer), Romania (observer), Guatemala, Brazil, Panama, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (observer), Italy, Iraq, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Bangladesh (observer), Morocco, India, Kenya, the Russian Federation, Mexico, Argentina, the Syrian Arab Republic (observer), Slovenia (observer), Switzerland (observer), Malaysia (observer), Algeria, Malta, and Nigeria.

**6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – Status of implementation of the 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 **considered** and **noted** a report by the Director-General on the overall progress with respect to the destruction of the remaining chemical weapons stockpiles (EC-89/DG.27, dated 28 September 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 **considered** and **noted** a report by the Director-General on the overall progress of the destruction of abandoned chemical weapons (EC-89/DG.30, dated 5 October 2018).
- 6.3 The Council **considered** and **noted** a Note by the Director-General entitled “Schedule for Submission by Chemical Weapons Possessor States of the Reports on their Destruction Activities after the Extended Deadline of 29 April 2012” (EC-89/DG.13, dated 3 September 2018).

**Subitem 6(b): Implementation of the Conference of the States Parties and Executive Council decisions on destruction-related issues**

- 6.4 The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) briefed the Council on its destruction-related verification activities.
- 6.5 The United States of America, Japan, and China briefed the Council on their destruction-related activities.
- 6.6 The Council **noted** the statements and comments made by States Parties on the destruction of the only remaining declared chemical weapons by the sole possessor State Party, recalling the relevant obligations under the Chemical Weapons

Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”), and relevant decisions by the Conference and the Council. The Council **recalled** that the destruction of the only remaining declared chemical weapons by the sole possessor State Party should continue in accordance with the provisions of the Convention and its Annex on Implementation and Verification, and with the application of the measures contained in decision C-16/DEC.11.

- 6.7 Further to a decision by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session (C-16/DEC.11), the Council **considered** and **noted** a national paper by the United States of America on the progress made on the completion of the destruction of its declared chemical weapons, including information on measures to accelerate such progress, as well as appropriate measures in order to meet the planned completion date (EC-89/NAT.4, dated 19 September 2018), along with comments on the issue as mentioned above. The Council **noted** the confirmation provided by the delegation of the United States of America that the necessary measures continue to be undertaken in order to meet the planned completion date of September 2023 for its destruction activities, as submitted to the Council at its Sixty-Eighth Session in accordance with subparagraph 3(c) of C-16/DEC.11.
- 6.8 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 the Council’s 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-89/NAT.7\*, dated 1 October 2018) and a national paper by Japan (EC-89/NAT.6, dated 21 September 2018) on the overall progress of the destruction of chemical weapons abandoned by Japan on the territory of China were circulated to the members of the Council. The Council **recalled** the provisions of the Convention that the Abandoning State Party undertakes to destroy all chemical weapons it abandoned on the territory of another State Party and shall provide all necessary financial, technical, expert, facility as well as other resources, **expressed its determination** to remain seized of the matter, and **urged** the Abandoning State Party to continue to make the fullest possible effort to complete destruction of chemical weapons abandoned by Japan on the territory of China as early as possible in accordance with the Council’s decision (EC-67/DEC.6) and its Annex 2 in a faithful manner and to address challenges including ensuring the safety of people and protecting the environment. The Council **reaffirmed** that the Territorial State Party shall provide appropriate cooperation.
- 6.9 The Council **also reaffirmed** the obligation of the Abandoning State Party to provide all available information including, to the extent possible, the location, type, quantity as well as information on the abandonment in accordance with relevant provisions of the Convention, so as to facilitate the expedite destruction of chemical weapons abandoned by Japan on the territory of China.
- 6.10 The Council **welcomed** the review of the destruction of abandoned chemical weapons conducted by the Third Review Conference and the report of the Third Review Conference (RC-3/3\*, dated 19 April 2013), which reaffirmed the role of the Council, the Conference and the Review Conference with regard to the abandoned chemical

weapons destruction-related issues as defined in the provisions of the Convention and in the Council's decision (EC-67/DEC.6).

**Subitem 6(c): Elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme**

- 6.11 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.
- 6.12 The Council **noted** three Notes by the Director-General reporting on progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme (EC-89/DG.1, dated 24 July 2018; EC-89/DG.10, dated 24 August 2018; and EC-89/DG.24, dated 24 September 2018).
- 6.13 The Council **noted** three national papers by the Syrian Arab Republic on the activities related to the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons and their production facilities (EC-89/P/NAT.1, dated 18 July 2018; EC-89/P/NAT.2, dated 16 August 2018; and EC-89/P/NAT.3, dated 17 September 2018).
- 6.14 Pursuant to subparagraph 12(a) of its decision entitled "OPCW-United Nations Joint Investigative Mechanism Reports on Chemical Weapons Use in the Syrian Arab Republic" (EC-83/DEC.5, dated 11 November 2016), the Council decided that the Director-General shall regularly inform the Council on the implementation of this decision. The Council **noted** a report by the Director-General entitled "Status of Implementation of Executive Council Decision EC-83/DEC.5 (dated 11 November 2016)" (EC-89/DG.15, dated 11 September 2018).
- 6.15 The Council **noted** a Note by the Director-General entitled "Report on the Work of the Declaration Assessment Team" (EC-89/HP/DG.2, dated 1 October 2018).

**Subitem 6(d): Other verification-related issues**

- 6.16 The Secretariat briefed the Council on its other verification-related activities.
- 6.17 The Council **noted** a Note by the Secretariat on the results of the samples associated with the Secretariat's evaluation of the amended declaration submitted by Libya with regard to the Category 2 chemical weapons stored at the Ruwagha Chemical Weapons Storage Facility (EC-89/S/3, dated 2 October 2018).

**Subitem 6(e): Supplement to the Verification Implementation Report for 2017**

- 6.18 The Council **considered** and **noted** the supplement to the Verification Implementation Report for 2017 (EC-89/HP/DG.1, dated 30 August 2018).

**Subitem 6(f): Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use**

- 6.19 The Council **noted** a report by the Director-General on the initial implementation of decision C-SS-4/DEC.3 (dated 27 June 2018) on addressing the threat from chemical

weapons use (EC-89/DG.2, dated 27 July 2018). The Council **also noted** the first regular report by the Director-General to the Council on progress made in the implementation of decision C-SS-4/DEC.3 (EC-89/DG.29, dated 4 October 2018).

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

- 6.20 The Secretariat circulated a Note entitled "Summary Update of the Activities Carried out by the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria" (S/1677/2018, dated 10 October 2018).
- 6.21 The following delegations made statements on this agenda item: the Syrian Arab Republic (observer), the Russian Federation, China, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United States of America, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (observer), France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Bulgaria, and Cuba.
- 6.22 The Director-General delivered a statement to the Council.

**Subitem 6(h): Status of implementation of Article VII**

- 6.23 Further to a decision by the Conference at its Fourteenth Session regarding the implementation of Article VII obligations (C-14/DEC.12, dated 4 December 2009), the Council **noted** a report by the Director-General on the "Overview of the Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2018" (EC-89/DG.9 C-23/DG.8, dated 24 August 2018); a report by the Director-General on the "Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2018: Article VII – Initial Measures" (EC-89/DG.7 C-23/DG.6, dated 24 August 2018); and a report by the Director-General on the "Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2018: Additional Measures for States Parties that Possess Industrial Facilities Which Are Declarable Under the Convention" (EC-89/DG.8 C-23/DG.7, dated 24 August 2018). The Council **submitted** the documents to the Conference at its Twenty-Third Session, along with its recommendations, for consideration.

**Subitem 6(i): Status of implementation of Article X**

- 6.24 The Council **considered** and **noted** a report by the Director-General on the status of implementation of Article X of the Convention as at 30 June 2018 (EC-89/DG.4, dated 17 August 2018 and Corr.1, dated 8 October 2018).

**Subitem 6(j): Status of implementation of Article XI**

- 6.25 The Council **considered** and **noted** a report by the Director-General on the progress made and review of the status of the implementation of Article XI of the Convention (EC-89/DG.20 C-23/DG.11, dated 14 September 2018).

**Subitem 6(k): Progress made in the implementation of the action plan for the universality of the Convention**

- 6.26 The Council at its Twenty-Third Meeting adopted an action plan for the universality of the Convention (EC-M-23/DEC.3, dated 24 October 2003). The plan requested the Director-General, inter alia, to submit to the Conference at its regular sessions an annual report on the implementation of the action plan, and to keep the Council regularly informed, so that the Conference and the Council may review progress and monitor its implementation effectively.
- 6.27 The Council **considered** and **noted** the annual report on the implementation of the action plan for the universality of the Convention during the period from 16 August 2017 to 15 August 2018, which is being submitted to both the Council and the Conference (EC-89/DG.12 C-23/DG.9, dated 3 September 2018).

**Subitem 6(l): Report by the Scientific Advisory Board on new types of nerve agents**

- 6.28 The Council **considered** the report of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) on new types of nerve agents (SAB-28/WP.1, dated 3 July 2018), prepared in response to the request by the Director-General to the SAB to provide advice on toxic chemicals that have been identified as, or are suspected of being, new types of nerve agents (S/1621/2018, dated 2 May 2018).
- 6.29 The Russian Federation made a statement on this issue.
- 6.30 Canada, the Netherlands, and the United States of America informed the Council of their intention to submit to the Director-General a joint technical proposal to update the Annex on Chemicals of the Convention, in accordance with paragraph 5 of Article XV of the Convention.

**7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Countering chemical terrorism**

The Chairperson of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on Terrorism, Ambassador Oji Nyimenuate Ngofa of Nigeria, briefed the Council on the work of the OEWG during the intersessional period (EC-89/WP.2, dated 10 October 2018).

**8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – Education and outreach**

The Council **considered** and **noted** a Note by the Director-General on the activities of the Advisory Board on Education and Outreach covering the period from 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018 (EC-89/DG.22 C-23/DG.12, dated 20 September 2018).



**9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – Administrative and financial matters**

**Subitem 9(a): Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters**

- 9.1 The Council **deferred** until its next regular session the report of the Forty-Fifth Session of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters (ABAF), which took place from 31 July to 3 August 2018 (ABAF-45/1, dated 3 August 2018), and a Note by the Director-General containing comments on the report of the ABAF at that session (EC-89/DG.11, dated 28 August 2018).

**Subitem 9(b): Financial Statements of the OPCW and the External Auditor's report for the year ending 31 December 2017**

- 9.2 The Council **noted** the Financial Statements of the OPCW and the report of the External Auditor for the year ending 31 December 2017 (EC-89/DG.3 C-23/DG.4, dated 7 August 2018) and **forwarded** them to the Conference for consideration at its Twenty-Third Session. Mr Damian Brewitt from the National Audit Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland presented the Financial Statements of the OPCW and the report of the External Auditor for the year ending 31 December 2017 (EC-89/2, dated 11 October 2018).
- 9.3 The facilitator for this issue, Ms Bettina Gorczynski of the United States of America, reported on the consultations held during the intersessional period.

**Subitem 9(c): Submission of the 2018 Financial Statements to the External Auditor**

- 9.4 The Council **noted** a Note by the Director-General on the submission of the 2018 OPCW Financial Statements to the External Auditor (Financial Rule 11.1.02) (EC-89/DG.21, dated 17 September 2018), **considered** and **adopted** a decision on the matter (EC-89/DEC.1, dated 11 October 2018), and **transmitted** it to the Conference for approval at its Twenty-Third Session.

**Subitem 9(d): Status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor**

- 9.5 The Council **considered** and **noted** a Note by the Secretariat on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor (EC-89/S/1, dated 23 August 2018).

**Subitem 9(e): Amendments to OPCW Financial Regulation 6.3**

- 9.6 The Secretariat circulated a note verbale by the delegation of Germany on proposed amendments to OPCW Financial Regulation 6.3 (EC-89/NAT.5, dated 28 September 2018).
- 9.7 The Permanent Representation of Germany submitted a draft decision on the matter, which was circulated under the symbol of EC 89/DEC/CRP.5/Rev.1, dated 8 October 2018. Subsequently, the proposal was withdrawn through note verbale dated 17 October 2018 (EC-89/NAT.14, dated 17 October 2018).

- Subitem 9(f): Cash surplus for 2016;**
- Subitem 9(g): Establishment of a special fund for cybersecurity, business continuity, and physical infrastructure security;**
- Subitem 9(h): Establishment of a special fund for IT infrastructure to support the implementation of C-SS-4/DEC.3; and**
- Subitem 9(i): Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2019, and all items pertaining to this Budget**

- 9.8 The Council had before it the following documents under the above subitems: the Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2019 (EC-89/CRP.1/Rev.2 and Corr.1) and the associated draft decision (EC-89/DEC/CRP.9, dated 12 October 2018); the Note by the Director-General entitled “Request for the Establishment of a Special Fund for Cybersecurity, Business Continuity, and Physical Infrastructure Security, and Transfer of a Portion of the 2016 Cash Surplus for this Purpose” (EC-89/DG.32, dated 12 October 2018) and the associated draft decision (EC-89/DEC/CRP.7, dated 12 October 2018); the Note by the Director-General entitled “Request for the Establishment of a Special Fund for IT Infrastructure to Support the Implementation of Decision C-SS-4/DEC.3, and Transfer of a Portion of the 2016 Cash Surplus for this Purpose” (EC-89/DG.33, dated 12 October 2018) and the associated draft decision (EC-89/DEC/CRP.8, dated 12 October 2018); and the draft decision entitled “Cash Surplus for 2016” (EC-89/DEC/CRP.6, dated 12 October 2018).
- 9.9 The facilitator for this issue, Mr Hassan Zeran of Chile, reported on the consultations held during the intersessional period.
- 9.10 Under Rule 36 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, a draft decision entitled “Submission of the Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2019 and All Items Pertaining to this Budget” (EC-89/DEC/CRP.10, dated 19 October 2018) was voted on. The vote led to the following result: 27 for (Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America); 5 against (Azerbaijan, China, Iran (Islamic Republic of), the Russian Federation, and the Sudan); and 8 abstentions (Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, India, Iraq, Kenya, Pakistan, and South Africa). In light of that result, the draft decision was not adopted.
- 9.11 The Russian Federation submitted a draft decision entitled “Submission of the Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2019 and All Items Pertaining to this Budget” (EC-89/DEC/CRP.11, dated 19 October 2018). Under Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, a vote was taken on whether to vote on this draft decision. The vote led to the following result: 6 for (Algeria, Azerbaijan, China, Iran (Islamic Republic of), the Russian Federation, and the Sudan); 21 against (Canada, Chile, Colombia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Guatemala, Italy, Japan, Malta, Mexico, the Netherlands, Panama, Peru, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern

Ireland, and the United States of America); and 13 abstentions (Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and South Africa). In light of that result, the draft decision was not voted upon.

- 9.12 A Note by the Secretariat on the programme performance for the year 2017 (S/1615/2018, dated 18 April 2018) was circulated to the members of the Council.

**Subitem 9(j): Cash situation and the use of the Working Capital Fund for the financial year to 31 August 2018**

- 9.13 The Council **considered** and **forwarded** to the Conference at its Twenty-Third Session a Note by the Director-General on the cash situation and the use of the Working Capital Fund for the financial year to 31 August 2018 (EC-89/DG.23 C-23/DG.13, dated 21 September 2018).

**Subitem 9(k): Special Fund for OPCW Special Missions**

- 9.14 The Council **noted** a Note by the Director-General on the financial status of the Special Fund for OPCW Special Missions (EC-89/DG.25, dated 26 September 2018).

- 9.15 The Council **considered** and **adopted** a decision on the financial status of the Special Fund for OPCW Special Missions (EC-89/DEC.2, dated 11 October 2018) and **transmitted** it to the Conference for approval at its Twenty-Third Session.

**Subitem 9(l): Status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans to regularise the payment of their outstanding annual contributions**

- 9.16 Further to a decision by the Conference at its Eleventh Session (C-11/DEC.5, dated 7 December 2006), the Council **considered** and **forwarded** to the Conference at its Twenty-Third Session a Note by the Director-General reporting on the status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans (EC-89/DG.6 C-23/DG.5, dated 23 August 2018).

- 9.17 At its Eleventh Session, the Conference adopted a decision on a mechanism to encourage States Parties that are in arrears to regularise the payment of their outstanding annual contributions (C-11/DEC.5, dated 7 December 2006). In light of this decision, the Council **considered** a proposal from El Salvador for a multi-year payment plan to regularise the payment of its outstanding annual contributions (EC-89/DG.18, dated 14 September 2018), **approved** it (EC-89/DEC.3, dated 11 October 2018), and **transmitted** it to the Conference for approval at its Twenty-Third Session.

**Subitem 9(m): Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system**

- 9.18 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 **noted** a Note by the Director-General reporting on the

status of implementation of the ERP system (EC-89/DG.17, dated 14 September 2018).

**Subitem 9(n): Charter of the Office of Internal Oversight**

- 9.19 The Council **noted** a Note by the Director-General on the Charter of the Office of Internal Oversight (EC-89/DG.26, dated 28 September 2018). The Director-General **transmitted** the Charter, along with his own comments and any other comments made by the Council, to the Conference for consideration and approval at its Twenty-Third Session.
- 9.20 The facilitator for this issue, Ms Bettina Gorczynski of the United States of America, reported on the consultations held during the intersessional period (EC-89/WP.1, dated 11 October 2018).

**Subitem 9(o): Implementation of the amendment to the Staff Regulations regarding downward classification of posts during the period from 14 August 2017 to 13 August 2018**

- 9.21 The Council **noted** a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the amendment to the Staff Regulations regarding downward classification of posts during the period from 14 August 2017 to 13 August 2018 (EC-89/DG.5, dated 23 August 2018).

**Subitem 9(p): The OPCW tenure policy**

- 9.22 The Council **noted** a Note by the Director-General on the OPCW tenure policy (EC-89/DG.28, dated 2 October 2018). A report entitled “Impact of the OPCW Tenure Policy”, which was attached to the Note by the Director-General, was presented by one of its co-authors, Dr Ralf Trapp.

**Subitem 9(q): Amendments to the Staff Regulations of the OPCW**

- 9.23 The Council **noted** a Note by the Director-General on proposed amendments to the Staff Regulations of the OPCW (EC-89/DG.19, dated 14 September 2018), **considered** and **adopted** a decision on the matter (EC-89/DEC.4, dated 11 October 2018), and **transmitted** it to the Conference for approval at its Twenty-Third Session.

**10. AGENDA ITEM TEN – The OPCW Programme for Africa**

The Council **considered** and **noted** a Note by the Director-General on the Programme to Strengthen Cooperation with Africa on the Chemical Weapons Convention (EC-89/DG.14 C-23/DG.10, dated 5 September 2018).

**11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Draft report of the Executive Council on the performance of its activities**

The Council **considered** and **approved** a draft report on the performance of its activities in the period from 15 July 2017 to 12 July 2018 (EC-89/CRP.2, dated

14 August 2018 and Corr.1, dated 24 August 2018), and **submitted** it to the Conference for consideration at its Twenty-Third Session.

**12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – 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”, which the Council **considered** and **noted** (EC-89/S/2, dated 19 September 2018).

**13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country**

The Chairperson reported to the Council on the status of the work of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

**14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Briefing by the Chairperson of the Open-Ended Working Group for the Preparation of the Fourth Review Conference**

14.1 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).

14.2 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, briefed the Council on the activities of the OEWG-RC.

**15. AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – Provisional agenda for the Fourth Review Conference**

In accordance with Rule 17 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, the Council **drew up** the provisional agenda for the Fourth Review Conference (EC-89/DG.16, dated 14 September 2018).

**16. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Any other business**

**17. AGENDA ITEM SEVENTEEN – Adoption of the report**

The Council **considered** and **adopted** the report of its Eighty-Ninth Session.

**18. AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN – Closure**

The Chairperson closed the session at 15:15 on 22 October 2018.