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ON CONSULTATIONS ON CHARTER OF THE OFFICE OF INTERNAL OVERSIGHT
UNDER AGENDA ITEM 9(O)**

Thank you, Madam Chairperson, for giving me the floor.

I am pleased to brief the Council in my capacity as facilitator on the issue of the Charter of the Office of Internal Oversight.

During the intersessional period since the Eighty-Eighth session of the Council (EC-88), I convened informal consultations on 1 October to discuss the updated Charter of the Office of Internal Oversight (EC-89/DG.26, dated 28 September 2018).

In the meeting, the Technical Secretariat provided a briefing designed to give States Parties an understanding of the updated OIO Charter. The briefing covered the reasons for revising the Charter, the methodology used for revision, the Charter's revised structure, and the approval process for institutionalising the updated Charter.

This is the first time that the Charter will be recommended by the Executive Council and approved by the Conference of the States Parties. Prior to the 2018 revised Charter, the OPCW Director-General signed the Charter but it did not go through the OPCW's policy-making organs for approval. Any future amendments to the Charter will also need CSP approval.

During the facilitation, States Parties expressed their appreciation for the ongoing work of the OIO. States Parties sought clarification on the connection between the Financial Rules and Regulations and the OIO Charter, why the process for approving the OIO Charter has been updated, the ABAF's views of the OIO Charter, whether the updated OIO Charter contained any new mandates for the OIO, and the reporting process associated with the outcomes of OIO investigations.

The Technical Secretariat provided thorough answers to the questions raised by States Parties, and noted that the consultation satisfied ABAF's recommendation that the OIO brief States Parties on the updated Charter.

I would like to close by thanking the OIO for providing this update on the OIO Charter to States Parties and for its continued work. This concludes my report.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.



I ask that this statement be an official document of the session and be posted on both the external server and the public website.

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