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**REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM
ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SIXTY-FIRST MEETING
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

1. By letter dated 2 November 2018, the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the OPCW requested the Director-General of the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW to include an additional item entitled “Cash Surplus for 2016” on the provisional agenda for the Sixty-First Meeting of the Executive Council.
2. An explanatory memorandum pertaining to the agenda item is attached to the letter.

Annex (English and Russian only):

Letter dated 2 November 2018 to the Director-General of the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the OPCW enclosing an explanatory memorandum



Annex

**LETTER DATED 2 NOVEMBER 2018 TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE
TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT OF THE OPCW FROM THE
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO THE
OPCW ENCLOSING AN EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**[Emblem]
Permanent Representative
of the Russian Federation
to the Organisation for the Prohibition
of Chemical Weapons**

The Hague, 2 November 2018

Your Excellency,

With reference to your Note of 31 October 2018 (EC-M-61/1), containing a notification of a meeting of the Executive Council of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and its provisional agenda, I have the honour of informing you of the following.

In accordance with Rule 16(c) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council of the OPCW, the Russian Federation requests to include the consideration of an item entitled “Cash Surplus for 2016” as an additional agenda item (*2 bis*).

It is requested that this proposal, along with the enclosed explanatory memorandum, be circulated to the Member States of the Executive Council.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Annex: Explanatory memorandum

[signature]

Alexander Shulgin

HIS EXCELLENCY
MR FERNANDO ARIAS
DIRECTOR-GENERAL
OF THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT
OF THE ORGANISATION FOR THE PROHIBITION
OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS

COPY: HER EXCELLENCY
AMBASSADOR JANA REINIŠOVÁ
CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
OF THE ORGANISATION FOR THE PROHIBITION
OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Russian Federation draws attention to the fact that the matter of the use of the cash surplus for 2016 was a separate item on the agenda of the Eighty-Ninth Session of the Executive Council of the OPCW, which preceded the consideration of the draft Programme and Budget of the OCPW for 2019. The Russian Federation considers it important to continue to be guided by this approach. Defining the matter of the cash surplus as a separate item on the agenda of the Sixty-First Meeting of the Executive Council is substantiated by the fact that its use is regulated by a separate provision of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the Organisation (Regulation 6.3).

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