



Sixty-First Meeting
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REPORT OF THE SIXTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the meeting

The Chairperson of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”), Ambassador Jana Reinišová of the Czech Republic, opened its Sixty-First Meeting in The Hague at 13:41 on 5 November 2018.

2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Adoption of the agenda

2.1 Following the circulation of the provisional agenda for the Sixty-First Meeting of the Council (EC-M-61/1, dated 31 October 2018), and in accordance with Rule 16 (c) of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, the Russian Federation requested the Director-General to include an additional agenda item entitled “Cash Surplus for 2016” on the provisional agenda of the Sixty-First Meeting of the Council (EC-M-61/2, dated 2 November 2018) and provided an explanatory memorandum in accordance with Rule 18, setting out its view that this matter should be considered separately from and in advance of other items pertaining to the draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2019. Under Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, the proposal was voted on. The vote led to the following result: 6 for (Algeria, China, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Pakistan, the Russian Federation, and South Africa); 19 against (Canada, Colombia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Guatemala, Italy, Japan, Malta, Mexico, the Netherlands, Peru, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America); and 14 abstentions (Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, Panama, Saudi Arabia, and Senegal). In light of that result, the proposal was not approved.

2.2 Since consensus could not be achieved, a vote was held. Therefore, under Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, the agenda for its Sixty-First Meeting (EC-M-61/1) was voted on. The vote led to the following result: 28 for (Argentina, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, India, 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), 3 against (China, Iran (Islamic Republic of), and the Russian Federation); and 8 abstentions (Algeria, Brazil, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Pakistan, Senegal, and South Africa). In light of that result, the Council **adopted** the following agenda:



1. Opening of the meeting
 2. Adoption of the agenda
 3. Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2019 and all items pertaining to this budget
 4. Any other business
 5. Adoption of the report
 6. Closure
- 3. AGENDA ITEM THREE – Draft Programme and Budget of OPCW for 2019 and all items pertaining to this budget**
- 3.1 Since consensus could not be achieved, a vote was held under Rule 33(a) of the Rules of Procedure of the Council on whether to proceed with the reconsideration of the draft decision entitled “Submission of the Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2019 and All Items Pertaining to this Budget” (EC-M-61/DEC/CRP.1, dated 31 October 2018). The vote led to the following result: 29 for (Argentina, 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, Senegal, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America); 3 against (China, Iran (Islamic Republic of), and the Russian Federation); and 7 abstentions (Algeria, Brazil, India, Iraq, Kenya, Pakistan, and South Africa). In light of that result, the Council **decided** to reconsider the draft decision.
- 3.2 Since consensus could not be achieved, a vote was held under Rule 36 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council. The vote led to the following result: 29 for (Argentina, 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, Senegal, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America); 3 against (China, Iran (Islamic Republic of), and the Russian Federation); and 7 abstentions (Algeria, Brazil, India, Iraq, Kenya, Pakistan, and South Africa). In light of that result, the Council **adopted** the decision (EC-M-61/DEC.1, dated 5 November 2018).
- 3.3 The Russian Federation made a statement expressing its unequivocal opposition to the adoption of the decision. The delegations of Indonesia and China made statements under this agenda item as well.
- 4. AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Any other business**
- 5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – Adoption of the report**

The Council **considered** and **adopted** the report of its Sixty-First Meeting.

6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – Closure

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 16:05 on 5 November 2018.

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