



Sixty-Second Meeting
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REPORT OF THE SIXTY-SECOND 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-Second Meeting in The Hague at 10:08 on 14 January 2019.

2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Adoption of the agenda

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

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Joint Proposal by Canada, the Netherlands, and the United States of America for a Technical Change to Schedule 1 of the Annex on Chemicals to the Chemical Weapons Convention
4. Any other business
5. Adoption of the report
6. Closure

3. AGENDA ITEM THREE – Joint Proposal by Canada, the Netherlands, and the United States of America for a Technical Change to Schedule 1 of the Annex on Chemicals to the Chemical Weapons Convention

- 3.1 On 16 October 2018, the Permanent Representations of Canada, the Netherlands, and the United States of America to the OPCW submitted a “Joint Proposal for a Technical Change to Schedule 1 of the Annex on Chemicals to the Chemical Weapons Convention” in accordance with paragraphs 1, 4, and 5 of Article XV of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”).
- 3.2 Pursuant to subparagraph 5(a) of Article XV of the Convention, the Director-General promptly communicated the joint proposal to all States Parties and the Council (S/1682/2018, dated 25 October 2018), and to the Depositary by letter.
- 3.3 In accordance with the same provision, the Director-General also communicated additional information submitted by the Russian Federation for the evaluation of the



joint proposal by Canada, the Netherlands, and the United States of America (S/1696/2018, dated 7 December 2018), which contained a reference to a national paper by the Russian Federation (RC-4/NAT.35, dated 5 December 2018).

- 3.4 Pursuant to subparagraph 5(b) of Article XV of the Convention, the Director-General evaluated the joint proposal in order to determine all its possible consequences for the provisions of the Convention and its implementation, and circulated the evaluation to all States Parties and the Council (EC-M-62/DG.1, dated 14 December 2018).
- 3.5 Canada, the Netherlands, and the United States of America submitted a draft decision entitled “Recommendation for a Change to Schedule 1 of the Annex on Chemicals to the Chemical Weapons Convention” (EC-M-62/DEC/CRP.1, dated 9 January 2019).
- 3.6 Pursuant to Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) issued a report by the Director-General entitled “Financial, Administrative, and Programme and Budget Implications of the Follow-Up Activities Related to the Adoption of the Joint Proposal Under Item 3 of the Provisional Agenda of the Sixty-Second Meeting of the Executive Council” (EC-M-62/DG.2, dated 10 January 2019).
- 3.7 The Director-General delivered a statement to the Council outlining the steps undertaken by the Secretariat in this regard.
- 3.8 In accordance with subparagraphs 5(c) and 5(d) of Article XV of the Convention, the Council **examined** the joint proposal by Canada, the Netherlands, and the United States of America in light of all the information available to it, including the question of whether the proposal fulfils the requirements of paragraph 4 of Article XV of the Convention.
- 3.9 The following delegations made statements: Canada, the United States of America, the Netherlands, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Islamic Republic of Iran.
- 3.10 The Council **considered** and **adopted**, by consensus, the decision entitled “Recommendation for a Change to Schedule 1 of the Annex on Chemicals to the Chemical Weapons Convention” (EC-M-62/DEC.1, dated 14 January 2019), in which it recommended to all States Parties that the joint proposal by Canada, the Netherlands, and the United States of America be adopted, in accordance with the procedure laid down in subparagraphs 5(c) and 5(d) of Article XV of the Convention.
- 3.11 The Russian Federation disassociated itself from the consensus.

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-Second Meeting.

6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – Closure

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 12:43 on 14 January 2019.

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