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**STATEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN UNION CONCERNING THE "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"  
(S/1682/2018, DATED 25 OCTOBER 2018)**

Serious breaches of the norm against chemical weapons use have recently taken place in various locations around the world, including use of a nerve agent not included in the Schedules of the Annex on Chemicals of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter "the Annex on Chemicals") in Salisbury and Amesbury in the United Kingdom.

There is a long recognised need for the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter "the Convention") to keep pace with advancements in science and technology, as well as new types of potential chemical weapons. At the Director-General's request, the Scientific Advisory Board reported on new types of nerve agents in SAB-28/WP.1, dated 3 July, 2018. Further important technical information related to the Salisbury and Amesbury incidents is contained in the Technical Assistance Visit reports (TAV/02/18, dated 12 April 2018, and TAV/03/18 and TAV/03B/18, dated 4 September 2018.)

The European Union welcomes the timely submission of the Joint Proposal by the United States of America, Canada, the Netherlands, and the United States of America for a technical change to Schedule 1 of the Annex on Chemicals in response to recent incidents involving non-scheduled nerve agents.

Following the positive evaluation of the Joint Proposal and the conclusions drawn by the Technical Secretariat recognising that the families proposed for addition to Schedule 1 meet the criteria set out in the "Guidelines for Schedule 1 Chemicals" contained in paragraph 1 of Part A of the Annex on Chemicals (EC-M-62/DG.1, dated 14 December 2018), the European Union encourages the Executive Council in its "Sixty-Second meeting on January 14, 2019 to recommend to all States Parties the addition of two families of toxic chemicals to Schedule 1(A) of Annex on Chemicals to the Convention, as jointly proposed by the United States of American, Canada, and the Netherlands.

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