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### ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE NINETIETH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 12 – 15 MARCH 2019

This revised annotated agenda<sup>1</sup> has been prepared by the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) to guide and assist members of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) in their substantive preparations for its Ninetieth Session. It lists the items of business for the session in the sequence in which they appear in the revised provisional agenda set for it (see agenda item two below).

#### 1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the session

The Ninetieth Session of the Council will be opened in The Hague by the Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Jana Reinišová of the Czech Republic, at 10:00 on 12 March 2019.

#### 2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Adoption of the agenda

The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt the following agenda, which has been circulated under cover of EC-90/1/Rev.1, dated 19 February 2019:

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Opening statement by the Director-General
4. Reports by the Vice-Chairpersons on the activities conducted under their respective clusters of issues
5. General debate
6. Status of implementation of the Convention:
  - (a) Reports by the Director-General on destruction-related issues
  - (b) Implementation of the Conference of the States Parties and Executive Council decisions on destruction-related issues

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- (c) Elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme
  - (d) Other verification-related issues
  - (e) Destruction-related plans and facility agreements
  - (f) Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use
  - (g) Technical Secretariat's activities: update on the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria
  - (h) Timely submission of declarations under Article VI of the Convention
  - (i) Implementation by the Technical Secretariat in 2018 of the regime governing the handling of confidential information
  - (j) Status of implementation of the Verification Information System
7. Countering chemical terrorism
  8. Education and outreach
  9. Administrative and financial matters:
    - (a) Nominations for membership of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
    - (b) Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
    - (c) Status of implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations
    - (d) Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system
    - (e) Adjustment to the Director-General's gross salary
  10. Election of the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Council
  11. Report by the Committee on Relations with the Host Country
  12. Any other business
  13. Adoption of the report
  14. Closure

### **3. AGENDA ITEM THREE – Opening statement by the Director-General**

The Council is **requested** to note the opening statement by the Director-General (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

**4. AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Reports by the Vice-Chairpersons on the activities conducted under their respective clusters of issues**

The Vice-Chairpersons and coordinators for clusters of issues will report to the Council on informal consultations held during the intersessional period: Ambassador Yun-young Lee of the Republic of Korea on chemical weapons issues, Ambassador Paul van den IJssel of the Netherlands on chemical industry and other Article VI issues, Ambassador Gladys Marithza Ruíz Sánchez de Vielman of Guatemala on administrative and financial issues, and Ambassador Oji Nyimenuate Ngofa of Nigeria on legal, organisational, and other issues.

**5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – General debate**

**6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – Status of implementation of the Convention**

**Subitem 6(a): Reports by the Director-General on destruction-related issues**

6.1 Further to a decision by the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”) at its Sixteenth Session (C-16/DEC.11, dated 1 December 2011), the Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the overall progress with respect to the destruction of the remaining chemical weapons stockpiles (EC-90/DG.13, dated 4 March 2019).

6.2 Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6, dated 15 February 2012), the Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the overall progress of the destruction of abandoned chemical weapons (EC-90/DG.15, dated 8 March 2019).

**Subitem 6(b): Implementation of the Conference of the States Parties and Executive Council decisions on destruction-related issues**

6.3 The Secretariat is expected to brief the Council on its destruction-related verification activities.

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6.5 Further to a decision by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session (C-16/DEC.11), the Council is **requested** to consider and note a national paper by the United States of America on the progress made on the completion of the destruction of its chemical weapons, including information on measures to accelerate such progress, and identifying progress made since the last briefing in order to meet the planned completion date. This report is also to include reporting on any specific measures undertaken to overcome problems in the destruction programme (EC-90/NAT.2, dated 20 February 2019).

6.6 Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6) and the destruction plan beyond the year 2016 for the chemical weapons abandoned by Japan in China (EC-84/NAT.6, dated 2 March 2017) attached as Annex 2 to the Council’s decision EC-67/DEC.6, and adopted by the Council at its Eighty-Fourth Session (paragraph 6.14 of EC-84/2, dated 9 March 2017), a national paper by China

(EC-90/NAT.3, dated 28 February 2019) and a national paper by Japan (EC-90/NAT.1, dated 18 February 2019) on the overall progress of the destruction of chemical weapons abandoned by Japan on the territory of China have been circulated to the members of the Council.

**Subitem 6(c): Elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme**

- 6.7 Further to its decision at its Eighty-Third Session entitled “OPCW-United Nations Joint Investigative Mechanism Reports on Chemical Weapons Use in the Syrian Arab Republic” (EC-83/DEC.5, dated 11 November 2016), the Council decided to place “Elimination of the Syrian Chemical Weapons Programme” on the agenda of all future Council sessions until the Council determines that all elements of the Syrian chemical weapons programme have been eliminated.
- 6.8 The Council is **requested** to note Notes by the Director-General reporting on progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme (EC-90/DG.1, dated 23 October 2018; EC-90/DG.2, dated 23 November 2018; EC-90/DG.4, dated 21 December 2018; EC-90/DG.7, dated 24 January 2019; and EC-90/DG.11, dated 25 February 2019).
- 6.9 The Council is **requested** to note national papers by the Syrian Arab Republic on the activities related to the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons and their production facilities (EC-90/P/NAT.1, dated 17 October 2018; EC-90/P/NAT.2, dated 16 November 2018; EC-90/P/NAT.3, dated 17 December 2018; EC-90/P/NAT.4, dated 16 January 2019; and EC-90/P/NAT.5, dated 15 February 2019).
- 6.10 Pursuant to subparagraph 12(a) of its decision EC-83/DEC.5, the Council decided that the Director-General shall regularly inform the Council on the implementation of this decision. The Council is **requested** to note a report by the Director-General on the matter (EC-90/DG.12, dated 27 February 2019).
- 6.11 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General entitled “Report on the Work of the Declaration Assessment Team” (EC-90/HP/DG.1, dated 4 March 2019).

**Subitem 6(d): Other verification-related issues**

- 6.12 The Secretariat is expected to brief the Council on its other verification-related activities.

**Subitem 6(e): Destruction-related plans and facility agreements**

- 6.13 The Council is **requested** to consider and approve a facility agreement with the United States of America regarding on-site inspections at the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant Static Detonation Chamber Chemical Weapons Destruction Facility, Richmond, Kentucky, the United States of America (EC-90/DEC/CRP.1, dated 20 December 2018 and Corr.1, dated 14 February 2019).
- 6.14 The Council is **requested** to consider and approve an agreed detailed plan for verification of the destruction of chemical weapons at the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant Static Detonation Chamber Chemical Weapons

Destruction Facility, Richmond, Kentucky, the United States of America (EC-90/DEC/CRP.2, dated 20 December 2018 and Corr.1, dated 14 February 2019).

- 6.15 The Council is **requested** to consider and approve a facility agreement with the United States of America regarding on-site inspections at the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant Chemical Weapons Destruction Facility, Richmond, Kentucky, the United States of America (EC-90/DEC/CRP.4, dated 28 February 2019).
- 6.16 The Council is **requested** to consider and approve an agreed detailed plan for verification of the destruction of chemical weapons at the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant Chemical Weapons Destruction Facility, Richmond, Kentucky, the United States of America (EC-90/DEC/CRP.5, dated 28 February 2019).

**Subitem 6(f): Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use**

- 6.17 The Council is **requested** to note the regular report by the Director-General to the Council on progress made in the implementation of decision C-SS-4/DEC.3, dated 27 June 2018 (EC-90/DG.14, dated 7 March 2019).

**Subitem 6(g): Technical Secretariat's activities: update on the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria**

- 6.18 The Director-General is expected to provide an update in regard to the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria.
- 6.19 The Secretariat circulated the "Report of the Fact-Finding Mission Regarding the Incident of Alleged Use of Toxic Chemicals as a Weapon in Douma, Syrian Arab Republic, on 7 April 2018" (S/1731/2019, dated 1 March 2019).

**Subitem 6(h): Timely submission of declarations under Article VI of the Convention**

- 6.20 Further to a decision by the Council at its Fifty-First Session (EC-51/DEC.1, dated 27 November 2007), the Council is **requested** to note a status report by the Director-General on the timely submission by States Parties of declarations under Article VI of the Chemical Weapons Convention, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2018 (EC-90/DG.6, dated 16 January 2019).

**Subitem 6(i): Implementation by the Technical Secretariat in 2018 of the regime governing the handling of confidential information**

- 6.21 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the regime governing the handling of confidential information by the Secretariat in 2018 (EC-90/DG.9 C-24/DG.2, dated 12 February 2019).

**Subitem 6(j): Status of implementation of the Verification Information System**

6.22 The Council is **requested** to take note of a status report on the Verification Information System (EC-90/S/1, dated 18 January 2019).

**7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Countering chemical terrorism**

7.1 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Director-General on the status of the OPCW's contribution to global anti-terrorism efforts (EC-90/DG.8, dated 12 February 2019).

7.2 The Council will be briefed on the work of the Open-Ended Working Group on Terrorism during the intersessional period.

**8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – Education and outreach**

8.1 Further to a decision of the Conference at its Twentieth Session (C-20/DEC.9, dated 3 December 2015), the Secretariat circulated a Note by the Director-General on the membership of the Advisory Board on Education and Outreach (ABEO) (EC-90/DG.3 C-24/DG.1, dated 12 December 2018).

8.2 The Secretariat also circulated a Note by the Director-General reviewing the operation of the ABEO for the period from 2016 to 2018 (EC-90/DG.10, dated 22 February 2019 and Corr.1, dated 28 February 2019).

**9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – Administrative and financial matters**

**Subitem 9(a): Nominations for membership of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters**

9.1 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters (ABAF) (EC-90/S/3, dated 15 February 2019), and to appoint Mr Seyed Mehdi Hosseini Esfidvajani of the Islamic Republic of Iran, to replace Mr Khodayar Rouzbahani, retroactive to the date of the letter of nomination for Mr Esfidvajani (28 December 2018).

9.2 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the ABAF (EC-90/S/4, dated 6 March 2019), and to appoint Mr John Foggo of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for a second term with the ABAF.

9.3 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the ABAF (EC-90/S/5, dated 6 March 2019), and to appoint Ms Leslie Hyland of the United States of America, to replace Mr John Fox, retroactive to the date of the letter of nomination for Ms Hyland (27 February 2019).

**Subitem 9(b): Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters**

- 9.4 Further to its consideration of this issue at its previous session, the Council is **requested** to consider and note the report of the Forty-Fifth Session of the ABAF, which took place from 31 July to 3 August 2018 (ABAF-45/1, dated 3 August 2018), and a Note by the Director-General containing comments on the report of the ABAF at that session (EC-89/DG.11, dated 28 August 2018).

**Subitem 9(c): Status of implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations**

- 9.5 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Secretariat on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor (EC-90/S/2, dated 28 January 2019 and Corr.1, dated 14 February 2019).
- 9.6 The facilitator for this issue, Ms Bettina Gorczynski of the United States of America, is expected to report on the consultations held during the intersessional period.

**Subitem 9(d): Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system**

- 9.7 Further to the decision by the Conference at its Nineteenth Session on the implementation of an enterprise resource planning (ERP) system and the establishment of a special fund for this purpose (C-19/DEC.7, dated 3 December 2014), the Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General reporting on the status of implementation of the ERP system (EC-90/DG.5, dated 21 December 2018).

**Subitem 9(e): Adjustment to the Director-General's gross salary**

- 9.8 In accordance with a decision of the Conference at its First Special Session (C-SS-1/DEC.4, dated 25 July 2002) stipulating that the terms of appointment of the Director-General shall be subject to adjustments by the Council to keep the terms in line with those of other executive heads within the United Nations system, the Council is **requested** to adopt a draft decision adjusting the Director-General's gross salary (EC-90/DEC/CRP.3, dated 19 February 2019).

**10. AGENDA ITEM TEN – Election of the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Council**

In accordance with Rule 6 of its Rules of Procedure, and with effect from 12 May 2019, the Council is **requested** to elect its new Chairperson for a term of office ending on 11 May 2020, and its new Vice-Chairpersons for the same period. The Chairperson and four Vice-Chairpersons shall be elected from among the representatives accredited to the Council.

**11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Report by the Committee on Relations with the Host Country**

The Chairperson will report to the Council on the status of the work of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

**12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – Any other business**

**13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – Adoption of the report**

**14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Closure**

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