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### ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE NINETY-FIRST SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 9 – 12 JULY 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 Ninety-First Session. It lists the items of business for the session in the sequence in which they appear in the provisional agenda set for it (see agenda item two below).

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

The Ninety-First Session of the Council will be opened in The Hague by the Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Andrea Perugini of Italy, at 10:00 on 9 July 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-91/1 (dated 14 June 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 Chemical Weapons 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) Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use
  - (f) Verification Implementation Report for 2018
  - (g) Technical Secretariat's activities: update on the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria
  - (h) Timely submission of declarations under Article VI
  - (i) Article VII: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat
  - (j) The content of the assistance and protection data bank and its use
  - (k) Article X: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat
  - (l) Article XI: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat
  - (m) Report by the Director-General on the Technical Secretariat's readiness to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use
7. OPCW Central Analytical Database
8. Countering chemical terrorism
9. Draft annual report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention in 2018
10. Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight:
- (a) Implementation in 2018 of the recommendations contained in the 2017 annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight
  - (b) Annual Report of the Office of Internal Oversight for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2018
11. Administrative and financial matters:
- (a) Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
  - (b) Transfers of funds during 2018
  - (c) Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system
  - (d) Composition of the Technical Secretariat
  - (e) Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2018

12. Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference<sup>2</sup>
13. Credentials of representatives of the members of the Executive Council
14. Provisional agenda for the Twenty-Fourth Session of the Conference of the States Parties
15. Dates for the regular sessions of the Executive Council in 2020
16. Any other business
17. Adoption of the report
18. 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**

- 4.1 The Vice-Chairpersons and coordinators for clusters of issues will report to the Council on informal consultations held during the intersessional period: Ambassador Gladys Marithza Ruíz Sánchez de Vielman of Guatemala on chemical weapons issues, Ambassador Brândușa Predescu of Romania on chemical industry and other Article VI issues, Ambassador Kamal Bashir Ahmed of the Sudan on administrative and financial issues, and Ambassador Alireza Kazemi Abadi of the Islamic Republic of Iran on legal, organisational, and other issues.
- 4.2 The co-facilitators nominated by the Council at its Ninetieth Session, Ambassador Agustín Vásquez Gómez of El Salvador and Ambassador I Gusti Agung Wesaka Puja of Indonesia will report back to the Council on consultations they held during the intersessional period.

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

**6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – Status of implementation of the Chemical Weapons 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

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<sup>2</sup> Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

stockpiles (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

- 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 (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

**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.
- 6.4 The States Parties concerned are expected to brief the Council on their destruction-related activities.
- 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-91/NAT.4, dated 18 June 2019).
- 6.6 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the report of the visit by the Chairperson of the Council, the Director-General, and representatives of the Council to the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant, Colorado, the United States of America, from 6 to 11 April 2019 (EC-91/2, dated 14 June 2019).
- 6.7 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 Council 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 (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations) and a national paper by Japan (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations) 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**

- 6.8 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.

- 6.9 The Council is **requested** to note Notes by the Director-General reporting on progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme (EC-91/DG.1, dated 25 March 2019; EC-91/DG.2, dated 24 April 2019; EC-91/DG.7, dated 24 May 2019; and EC-91/DG.14, dated 24 June 2019).
- 6.10 The Council is **requested** to note the national papers by the Syrian Arab Republic on the activities related to the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons and their production facilities (EC-91/P/NAT.1, dated 15 March 2019; EC-91/P/NAT.2, dated 15 April 2019; EC-91/P/NAT.3, dated 16 May 2019; and EC-91/P/NAT.4, dated 13 June 2019).
- 6.11 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-91/DG.17, dated 26 June 2019).
- 6.12 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General entitled “Report on the Work of the Declaration Assessment Team” (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

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

- 6.13 The Secretariat is expected to brief the Council on its other verification-related activities.
- 6.14 Further to the decision of the Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session on the policy guidelines for determining the number of Article VI inspections (EC-66/DEC.10, dated 7 October 2011), the Council is **requested** to note a report by the Director-General on the results of the seventh year of implementation of these policy guidelines (EC-91/DG.4, dated 13 May 2019).

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

- 6.15 The Council is **requested** to note the regular report by the Director-General to the Council on progress made in the implementation of the decision of the Conference entitled “Addressing the Threat from Chemical Weapons Use” (C-SS-4/DEC.3, dated 27 June 2018) (EC-91/DG.20, dated 1 July 2019).
- 6.16 The Secretariat circulated a Note entitled “Work of the Investigation and Identification Team Established by Decision C-SS-4/DEC.3 (dated 27 June 2018)” (EC-91/S/3, dated 28 June 2019).

**Subitem 6(f): Verification Implementation Report for 2018**

- 6.17 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the Verification Implementation Report (VIR) for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2018 (EC-91/HP/DG.1, dated 15 May 2019) and its Addendum (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations). The Council is also **requested** to note a Note by the Secretariat on comments and views received on the 2018 VIR (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is

made available to delegations), as well as the Chairperson's summary of the informal consultations on it (EC-91/3, dated 2 July 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.

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

6.19 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 (hereinafter "the Convention") for the period from 1 January to 31 May 2019 (EC-91/DG.11, dated 17 June 2019).

**Subitem 6(i): Article VII: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat**

6.20 The facilitator for this issue, Ms Jenny Sharyne Bowie Wilches of Colombia, is expected to report on the consultations carried out during the intersessional period.

6.21 The Secretariat will make a presentation on the status of implementation of Article VII.

**Subitem 6(j): The content of the assistance and protection data bank and its use**

6.22 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Secretariat on the content of the assistance and protection data bank and its use (EC-91/S/2, dated 24 June 2019).

**Subitem 6(k): Article X: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat**

6.23 The facilitator for this issue, Mr Martin Pizinger of the Czech Republic, is expected to report on the consultations carried out during the intersessional period.

6.24 The Secretariat will make a presentation on the status of implementation of Article X.

**Subitem 6(l): Article XI: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat**

6.25 The facilitator for this issue, Mr Junaid Sadiq of Pakistan, is expected to report on the consultations carried out during the intersessional period.

6.26 The Secretariat will make a presentation on the programme of activities for 2019 in relation to Article XI.

**Subitem 6(m): Report by the Director-General on the Technical Secretariat's readiness to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use**

6.27 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Director-General reporting on the readiness of the Secretariat to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use (EC-91/DG.15, dated 28 June 2019).

**7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – OPCW Central Analytical Database**

7.1 The Council is **requested** to consider a Note by the Director-General on the lists of newly validated data on scheduled chemicals for approval by the Council for inclusion in the OPCW Central Analytical Database (EC-91/DG.5, dated 22 May 2019) and to adopt a draft decision on the matter (EC-91/DEC/CRP.1, dated 22 May 2019).

7.2 The Council is also **requested** to consider a Note by the Director-General on the lists of newly validated data on non-scheduled chemicals relevant to the Convention for approval by the Council for inclusion in the OPCW Central Analytical Database (EC-91/DG.6, dated 22 May 2019) and to adopt a draft decision on the matter (EC-91/DEC/CRP.2, dated 22 May 2019).

**8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – Countering chemical terrorism**

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

**9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – Draft annual report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention in 2018**

The Council is **requested** to consider the “Draft Report of the OPCW on the Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction in 2018” (EC-91/CRP.1, dated 14 June 2019), and to forward it to the Conference for consideration at its Twenty-Fourth Session.

**10. AGENDA ITEM TEN – Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight**

**Subitem 10(a): Implementation in 2018 of the recommendations contained in the 2017 annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight**

10.1 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the implementation in 2018 of the recommendations contained in the 2017 annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight (OIO) (EC-91/DG.3, dated 6 May 2019).

10.2 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 10(b): Annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2018**

- 10.3 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the annual report of the OIO for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2018 (EC-91/DG.8 C-24/DG.3, dated 28 May 2019), which the Director-General has submitted to it, along with his comments. The Council is also **requested** to make any comments it deems appropriate on the report. In accordance with Financial Regulation 12.5, the Director-General will transmit the report to the Conference at its Twenty-Fourth Session, together with his own comments and any that the Council may deem appropriate.

**11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Administrative and financial matters**

**Subitem 11(a): Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters**

- 11.1 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 Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters (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).
- 11.2 The Council is also requested to consider and note the report of the Forty-Sixth Session of the ABAF, which took place from 4 to 7 June 2019 (ABAF-46/1, dated 7 June 2019), and a Note by the Director-General containing comments on the report of the ABAF at that session (EC-91/DG.19, dated 1 July 2019).

**Subitem 11(b): Transfers of funds during 2018**

- 11.3 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General on transfers of funds during 2018 (EC-91/DG.13 C-24/DG.4, dated 24 June 2019).

**Subitem 11(c): Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system**

- 11.4 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-91/DG.16, dated 26 June 2019).

**Subitem 11(d): Composition of the Technical Secretariat**

- 11.5 The Council is **requested** to note the Director-General's annual report on the composition of the Secretariat (EC-91/DG.9, dated 29 May 2019).



**Subitem 11(e): Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2018**

11.6 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2018 (EC-91/DG.12, dated 24 June 2019).

**12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference**

At its Seventy-Third Session (paragraph 13.1 of EC-73/6, dated 19 July 2013), the Council requested the Director-General to submit to each regular session of the Council the updated version of the “Matrix of Actionable Items Identified at the Third Review Conference” (EC-89/S/2/Add.1, dated 26 June 2019), which the Council is **requested** to consider and note.

**13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – Credentials of representatives of the members of the Executive Council**

The Council is **requested** to consider and approve a report by the Director-General on the credentials of representatives of members of the Council, which covers the credentials of the newly elected members of the Council (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

**14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Provisional agenda for the Twenty-Fourth Session of the Conference of the States Parties**

The Council is **requested** to draw up the provisional agenda for the Twenty-Fourth Session of the Conference (EC-91/DG.10, dated 13 June 2019).

**15. AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – Dates for the regular sessions of the Executive Council in 2020**

The Council is **requested** to consider dates for its regular sessions in 2020.

**16. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Any other business**

**17. AGENDA ITEM SEVENTEEN – Adoption of the report**

**18. AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN – Closure**