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This revised annotated agenda¹ 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-Second 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-Second 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 8 October 2019.

2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Adoption of the agenda

2.1 The provisional agenda for the Ninety-Second Session was circulated under the cover of EC-92/1 (dated 10 September 2019).

2.2 Following the circulation of EC-92/1, the delegation of the Russian Federation submitted a request to the Director-General for the inclusion of an additional item on the provisional agenda of the session.

2.3 Following consultations, the Council is **requested** to adopt the following revised agenda of the session (EC-92/1/Rev.1, dated 7 October 2019).

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Replacement of the Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Council from the GRULAC region
4. Opening statement by the Director-General
5. Reports by the Vice-Chairpersons on the activities conducted under their respective clusters of issues

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6. General debate

7. 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
- (c) Elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme
- (d) Other verification-related issues
- (e) Destruction-related plans and facility agreements
- (f) Supplement to the Verification Implementation Report for 2018
- (g) Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use
- (h) Technical Secretariat's activities: update on the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria
- (i) Status of implementation of Article VII
- (j) Status of implementation of Article X
- (k) Status of implementation of Article XI
- (l) Progress made in the implementation of the action plan for the universality of the Convention

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10. Education and outreach

11. Administrative and financial matters:

- (a) Rules of Procedure of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
- (b) Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
- (c) Financial Statements of the OPCW and the External Auditor's report for the year ending 31 December 2018
- (d) Submission of the 2019 Financial Statements to the External Auditor
- (e) Status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor
- (f) Cash situation and the use of the Working Capital Fund for the financial year to 31 August 2019

- (g) Recommendation for write-offs of irrecoverable accounts receivable and losses of assets
- (h) Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system
- (i) Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2020, and all items pertaining to this Budget, including relevant special funds and the cash surplus for 2017
- (j) Extension of the Special Fund for OPCW Special Missions
- (k) Status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans to regularise the payment of their outstanding annual contributions
- (l) Implementation of the amendment to the Staff Regulations regarding downward classification of posts during the period from 14 August 2018 to 13 August 2019
- (m) Rehiring of inspectors
- (n) Transition of the OPCW to a biennial programme and budget cycle

12. The OPCW Programme for Africa

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14. Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference

15. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

16. Some aspects of preparations for the Twenty-Fourth Session of the Conference of the States Parties

17. Any other business

18. Adoption of the report

19. Closure

3. AGENDA ITEM THREE – Replacement of the Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Council from the GRULAC region

3.1 Further to the end of mission of Ambassador Gladys Marithza Ruíz Sánchez de Vielman of Guatemala, Vice-Chairperson of the Council from the GRULAC region, and in accordance with Rule 8 of its Rules of Procedure, the Council is **requested** to elect a new Vice-Chairperson for the unexpired term of office until 11 May 2020.

3.2 In accordance with Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, the Vice-Chairpersons shall be elected upon the designation of the respective groups.

4. AGENDA ITEM FOUR – 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).

5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – Reports by the Vice-Chairpersons on the activities conducted under their respective clusters of issues

5.1 The Vice-Chairpersons and coordinators for clusters of issues will report to the Council on informal consultations held during the intersessional period: the Ambassador 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.

5.2 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.

6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – General debate

7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Status of implementation of the Convention

Subitem 7(a): Reports by the Director-General on destruction-related issues

7.1 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-92/DG.25, dated 27 September 2019).

7.2 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-92/DG.29, dated 4 October 2019).

7.3 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Director-General entitled “Schedule for Submission by Chemical Weapons Possessor States of the Reports on their Destruction Activities after the Extended Deadline of 29 April 2012” (EC-92/DG.18, dated 17 September 2019).

Subitem 7(b): Implementation of the Conference of the States Parties and Executive Council decisions on destruction-related issues

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

- 7.5 The States Parties concerned are expected to brief the Council on their destruction-related activities.
- 7.6 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-92/NAT.1, dated 27 September 2019).
- 7.7 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 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-92/NAT.3, dated 4 October 2019) and a national paper by Japan (EC-92/NAT.2, dated 2 October 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.
- 7.8 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 Haerbaling Abandoned Chemical Weapons Destruction Site, Jilin Province, China, from 2 to 7 September 2019 (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

Subitem 7(c): Elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme

- 7.9 Further to its decision at its Eighty-Third Session (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.
- 7.10 The Council is **requested** to note Notes by the Director-General reporting on progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme (EC-92/DG.1, dated 24 July 2019; EC-92/DG.6, dated 23 August 2019; and EC-92/DG.22, dated 24 September 2019).
- 7.11 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-92/P/NAT.1, dated 22 July 2019; EC-92/P/NAT.2, dated 22 August 2019; and EC-92/P/NAT.3, dated 18 September 2019).
- 7.12 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-92/DG.19, dated 17 September 2019).

- 7.13 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General entitled “Report on the Work of the Declaration Assessment Team” (EC-92/HP/DG.2, dated 27 September 2019).

Subitem 7(d): Other verification-related issues

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

Subitem 7(e): Destruction-related plans and facility agreements

- 7.15 The Secretariat has submitted to the Council a Note on modifications to the agreed detailed plan for verification of the destruction of chemical weapons at the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant Chemical Weapons Destruction Facility, Pueblo, Colorado, the United States of America (EC-92/S/4, dated 10 September 2019).
- 7.16 The Secretariat has also submitted to the Council a Note on modifications to the facility agreement with the United States of America regarding on-site inspections at the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant Chemical Weapons Destruction Facility, Pueblo, Colorado, the United States of America (EC-92/S/3, dated 10 September 2019).
- 7.17 The Secretariat has submitted to the Council a Note on modifications to the 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-92/S/6, dated 26 September 2019).
- 7.18 The Secretariat has also submitted to the Council a Note on modifications to the 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-92/S/7, dated 26 September 2019).

Subitem 7(f): Supplement to the Verification Implementation Report for 2018

- 7.19 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the supplement to the Verification Implementation Report for 2018 (EC-92/HP/DG.1, dated 22 August 2019).

Subitem 7(g): Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use

- 7.20 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-92/DG.26, dated 27 September 2019 and Corr.1, dated 4 October 2019).

- 7.21 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-92/S/8, dated 3 October 2019).

Subitem 7(h): Technical Secretariat’s activities: update on the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria

- 7.22 The Director-General is expected to provide an update in regard to the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria.
- 7.23 The Secretariat circulated a Note entitled “Summary Update of the Activities Carried Out by the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria” (S/1798/2019, dated 3 October 2019).

Subitem 7(i): Status of implementation of Article VII

- 7.24 Further to a decision by the Conference at its Fourteenth Session regarding the implementation of Article VII obligations (C-14/DEC.12, dated 4 December 2009), the Council is **requested** to note a report by the Director-General on the “Overview of the Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2019” (EC-92/DG.9 C-24/DG.10, dated 26 August 2019); a report by the Director-General on the “Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2019: Article VII – Initial Measures” (EC-92/DG.7 C-24/DG.8, dated 26 August 2019); and a report by the Director-General on the “Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2019: Additional Measures for States Parties that Possess Industrial Facilities Which Are Declarable Under the Convention” (EC-92/DG.8 C-24/DG.9, dated 26 August 2019). The Council is also **requested** to submit the documents to the Conference at its Twenty-Fourth Session, along with its recommendations, as appropriate, for consideration.
- 7.25 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.

Subitem 7(j): Status of implementation of Article X

- 7.26 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the status of implementation of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) as at 30 June 2019 (EC-92/DG.10, dated 27 August 2019 and Corr.1, dated 4 October 2019).
- 7.27 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.
- 7.28 The Conference at its Sixteenth Session endorsed a proposal for the establishment of the International Support Network for Victims of Chemical Weapons and the establishment of a voluntary trust fund for this purpose (C-16/DEC.13, dated 2 December 2011). It requested the Director-General to report every two years, through the Council, to the Conference at its regular sessions on the status of implementation of this decision (paragraph 5 of C-16/DEC.13). The Council is **requested** to note the report by the Director-General on the status of implementation

of the International Support Network for Victims of Chemical Weapons (EC-92/DG.17 C-24/DG.14, dated 16 September 2019).

Subitem 7(k): Status of implementation of Article XI

- 7.29 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the progress made and review of the status of the implementation of Article XI of the Convention (EC-92/DG.14 C-24/DG.12, dated 9 September 2019).
- 7.30 The facilitator for this issue, Mr Junaid Sadiq of Pakistan, is expected to report on the consultations carried out during the intersessional period.

Subitem 7(l): Progress made in the implementation of the action plan for the universality of the Convention

- 7.31 The Council at its Twenty-Third Meeting adopted an action plan for the universality of the Convention (EC-M-23/DEC.3, dated 24 October 2003). The plan requested the Director-General, inter alia, to submit to the Conference at its regular sessions an annual report on the implementation of the action plan, and to keep the Council regularly informed, so that the Conference and the Council may review progress and monitor its implementation effectively.
- 7.32 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the annual report on the implementation of the action plan for the universality of the Convention during the period from 16 August 2018 to 15 August 2019, which is being submitted to both the Council and the Conference (EC-92/DG.16 C-24/DG.13, dated 12 September 2019).

8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – Report of the Scientific Advisory Board

- 8.1 The report of the Twenty-Eighth Session of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) (SAB-28/1, dated 14 June 2019) has been circulated to the members of the Council.
- 8.2 The Council is **requested** to note the response by the Director-General to the report of the Twenty-Eighth Session of the SAB (EC-92/DG.12, dated 9 September 2019).

9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – Countering chemical terrorism

The Chairperson of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on Terrorism, Ambassador Oji Nyimenuate Ngofa of Nigeria, is expected to brief the Council on the work of the OEWG during the intersessional period.

10. AGENDA ITEM TEN – Education and outreach

The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Director-General on the activities of the Advisory Board on Education and Outreach covering the period from 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 (EC-92/DG.23 C-24/DG.16, dated 24 September 2019).

11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Administrative and financial matters

Subitem 11(a): Rules of Procedure of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters

- 11.1 A draft decision submitted by Bulgaria, Canada, the Czech Republic, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America, entitled “OPCW Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters – Rules of Procedure” (EC-92/DEC/CRP.1/Rev.1, dated 4 October 2019) was submitted to the Council for consideration and adoption.
- 11.2 Following the circulation of EC-92/DEC/CRP.1/Rev.1, the delegation of the Russian Federation submitted a draft decision containing amendments to that draft decision (EC-92/DEC/CRP.6, dated 4 October 2019).
- 11.3 The Council is **requested** to take appropriate action on the matter.

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

- 11.4 Further to its consideration of this issue at its previous sessions, 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).
- 11.5 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).
- 11.6 The Council is further **requested** to consider and note the report of the Forty-Seventh Session of the ABAF, which took place from 30 July to 2 August 2019 (ABAF-47/1, dated 2 August 2019), and a Note by the Director-General containing comments on the report of the ABAF at that session (EC-92/DG.11, dated 9 September 2019).

Subitem 11(c): Financial Statements of the OPCW and the External Auditor’s report for the year ending 31 December 2018

- 11.7 The Council is **requested** to note the Financial Statements of the OPCW and the report of the External Auditor for the year ending 31 December 2018 (EC-92/DG.2 C-24/DG.5, dated 13 August 2019) and to forward them to the Conference for consideration at its Twenty-Fourth Session. The report of the External Auditor is expected to be presented by Mr Damian Brewitt, National Audit Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
- 11.8 The facilitator for this issue, Mr Arata Mizukami of Japan, is expected to report on the consultations held during the intersessional period.

Subitem 11(d): Submission of the 2019 Financial Statements to the External Auditor

- 11.9 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General entitled “Submission of the 2019 OPCW Financial Statements to the External Auditor (Financial Rule 11.1.02)” (EC-92/DG.32, dated 4 October 2019), to consider and adopt a draft decision on the matter (EC-92/DEC/CRP.5, dated 4 October 2019), and to transmit it to the Conference for approval at its Twenty-Fourth Session.

Subitem 11(e): Status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor

- 11.10 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-92/S/2, dated 21 August 2019).

Subitem 11(f): Cash situation and the use of the Working Capital Fund for the financial year to 31 August 2019

- 11.11 The Council is **requested** to consider and forward to the Conference at its Twenty-Fourth Session a Note by the Director-General on the cash situation and the use of the Working Capital Fund for the financial year to 31 August 2019 (EC-92/DG.20 C-24/DG.15, dated 23 September 2019).

Subitem 11(g): Recommendation for write-offs of irrecoverable accounts receivable and losses of assets

- 11.12 The Council is **requested** to consider a Note by the Director-General on the recommendation for write-offs of irrecoverable accounts receivable and losses of assets, and to recommend that the Conference at its Twenty-Fourth Session approve these write-offs, totalling EUR 13,658.93 (EC-92/DG.3 C-24/DG.6, dated 21 August 2019).

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

- 11.13 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-92/DG.21, dated 23 September 2019).

Subitem 11(i): Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2020, and all items pertaining to this Budget, including relevant special funds and the cash surplus for 2017

- 11.14 Under this subitem the Secretariat circulated the following Notes, which the Council is **requested** to note: a Note by the Director-General entitled “Financial Status of the Special Fund for the Fourth Review Conference in 2018” (EC-92/DG.28, dated 2

October 2019); a Note by the Director-General entitled “Financial Status of the Special Fund for Cybersecurity, Business Continuity, and Physical Infrastructure Security” (EC-92/DG.31, dated 4 October 2019); a Note by the Director-General entitled “Financial Status of the Special Fund for IT Infrastructure to Support the Implementation of Decision C-SS-4/DEC.3” (EC-92/DG.30, dated 4 October 2019); and a Note by the Director-General entitled “Request for the Establishment of a Special Fund for Capacity Building for Laboratories and Transfer of a Portion of the 2017 Cash Surplus” (EC-92/DG.27, dated 2 October 2019). The Secretariat also circulated a previously issued Note by the Secretariat entitled “Request for the Establishment of a Special Fund for Major Capital Investments” (RC-4/S/3, dated 27 November 2018).

- 11.15 The co-facilitators for this issue, Mr Marcin Kawalowski of Poland and Mr Daniel Valente Baptista of Portugal, are expected to report on the consultations held during the intersessional period.
- 11.16 In accordance with subparagraph 32(a) of Article VIII of the Convention, the Council is **requested** to consider the Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2020 (EC-92/CRP.1, dated 5 July 2019 and Corr.1, dated 4 October 2019) and to submit it, together with its recommendation, to the Conference at its Twenty-Fourth Session (EC-92/DEC/CRP.8, dated 4 October 2019).
- 11.17 The Medium-Term Plan of the OPCW for the period 2020 to 2024 (EC-92/S/1 C-24/S/1, dated 22 July 2019) has been circulated to the members of the Council.
- 11.18 A Note by the Secretariat on the programme performance for the year 2018 (S/1745/2019, dated 29 April 2019) has been circulated to the members of the Council.

Subitem 11(j): Extension of the Special Fund for OPCW Special Missions

- 11.19 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General entitled “Financial Status of the Special Fund for OPCW Special Missions” (EC-92/DG.24, dated 27 September 2019).
- 11.20 The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision entitled “Extension of the Special Fund for OPCW Special Missions” (EC-92/DEC/CRP.3, dated 1 October 2019) and to transmit it to the Conference for approval at its Twenty-Fourth Session.

Subitem 11(k): Status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans to regularise the payment of their outstanding annual contributions

- 11.21 Further to a decision by the Conference at its Eleventh Session (C-11/DEC.5, dated 7 December 2006), the Council is **requested** to consider and forward to the Conference at its Twenty-Fourth Session a Note by the Director-General reporting on the status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans (EC-92/DG.4 C-24/DG.7, dated 21 August 2019).
- 11.22 At its Eleventh Session, the Conference adopted a decision on a mechanism to encourage States Parties that are in arrears to regularise the payment of their

outstanding annual contributions (C-11/DEC.5, dated 7 December 2006). In light of this decision, the Council is **requested** to consider a proposal from Sierra Leone for a payment plan to regularise the payment of its outstanding annual contributions (EC-92/DG.15*, dated 12 September 2019), to approve it (EC-92/DEC/CRP.2*, dated 12 September 2019), and to transmit it to the Conference for approval at its Twenty-Fourth Session.

Subitem 11(l): Implementation of the amendment to the Staff Regulations regarding downward classification of posts during the period from 14 August 2018 to 13 August 2019

- 11.23 The Council is **requested** to note a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the amendment to the Staff Regulations regarding downward classification of posts during the period from 14 August 2018 to 13 August 2019 (EC-92/DG.5, dated 22 August 2019).

Subitem 11(m): Rehiring of inspectors

- 11.24 At its Twenty-Second Session, the Conference adopted a decision on the rehiring of inspectors (C-22/DEC.14, dated 30 November 2017) and decided to review the implementation of this decision at its Twenty-Fourth Session, in 2019.
- 11.25 The Council is **requested** to consider and note an addendum to the report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2018 (EC-91/DG.12/Add.1, dated 30 September 2019).
- 11.26 The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the rehiring of inspectors (EC-92/DEC/CRP.7, dated 4 October 2019), and to transmit it to the Conference for approval at its Twenty-Fourth Session.

Subitem 11(n): Transition of the OPCW to a biennial programme and budget cycle

- 11.27 The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the transition of the OPCW to a biennial programme and budget cycle (EC-92/DEC/CRP.4, dated 4 October 2019).
- 11.28 The Secretariat also circulated a previously issued Note by the Secretariat entitled “Request to Begin Preparations to Move the Programme and Budget of the OPCW to a Biennial Budget” (RC-4/S/2, dated 21 November 2018).

12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – The OPCW Programme for Africa

The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Director-General on the Programme to Strengthen Cooperation with Africa on the Chemical Weapons Convention (EC-92/DG.13 C-24/DG.11, dated 9 September 2019).

13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – Draft report of the Executive Council on the performance of its activities

The Council is **requested** to consider and approve a draft report on the performance of its activities in the period from 13 July 2018 to 12 July 2019 (EC-92/CRP.2, dated 13 August 2019), and to submit it to the Conference for consideration at its Twenty-Fourth Session.

14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference

14.1 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”, which the Council is **requested** to consider and note (EC-92/S/5, dated 25 September 2019).

14.2 At its previous session the Council decided that, following the issuance of the final full version of the Matrix at the Ninety-Second Session of the Council, the Secretariat will produce addenda for all subsequent regular sessions that will encompass only new and relevant developments during the reporting period. The first Matrix in its new format will be issued prior to the Ninety-Third Session of the Council.

15. AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – Report of 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.

16. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Some aspects of preparations for the Twenty-Fourth Session of the Conference of the States Parties

17. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Any other business

The Secretariat circulated a Diplomatic Note from the permanent representations to the OPCW of Australia, Switzerland and the United States of America regarding a draft decision on the aerosolized use of central nervous system-acting chemicals for law enforcement purposes (S/1799/2019, dated 4 October 2019). The relevant draft decision, co-sponsored by Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Finland, Greece, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, and the United States of America and entitled “Understanding Regarding the Aerosolized Use of Central Nervous System-Acting Chemicals for Law Enforcement Purposes” was issued under the symbol of (EC-92/DEC/CRP.9, dated 4 October 2019). The Council is **requested** to consider this draft decision.

18. AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN – Adoption of the report

19. AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN – Closure