

**STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL IN RESPONSE TO THE ADOPTION OF  
TWO DECISIONS UNDER ARTICLE XV OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS  
CONVENTION TO AMEND THE ANNEX ON CHEMICALS**

1. The Technical Secretariat takes note of the adoption—by consensus—by the Conference of the proposals submitted respectively by Canada, the Netherlands, and the United States of America and by the Russian Federation.
2. The Secretariat stands ready to assist States Parties in the implementation of their obligations under the Convention.
3. These obligations arise from the addition to Schedule 1 of the Annex on Chemicals of the families of chemicals and specific chemicals identified in the proposals.
4. To this end, as required under subparagraph 5(f) of Article XV of the Convention, I will notify all States Parties and the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as he is the Depositary of the decisions that have just been adopted by the Conference.
5. Consistent with subparagraph 5(g) of Article XV of the Convention, the changes to Schedule 1, part A, of the Annex on Chemicals will enter into force for all States Parties 180 days from the date of this notification, which the Secretariat will issue in the coming days.
6. There is no additional requirement concerning the deposit of an instrument of ratification or acceptance by States Parties following the adoption of changes to the Annexes to the Convention, as in this case.
7. Subsequently, before the end of 2019, the Secretariat will issue a Note providing States Parties with guidance regarding implementation of the decisions relating to the newly added chemicals and related facilities.
8. In the meantime, States Parties may refer to the Secretariat's evaluations of the proposals, which already include an overview of aspects of the implementation of the proposals (EC-M-62/DG.1, dated 14 December 2018 and EC-M-63/DG.1, dated 29 January 2019; Corr.1, dated 29 January 2019, and Corr.2, dated 1 February 2019).
9. The Secretariat looks forward to assisting States Parties and their National Authorities in the implementation of the decisions.



10. The Convention is a unique treaty that totally bans an entire category of weapons of mass destruction: zero tolerance, complete elimination of chemical weapons, and vigilance against their re-emergence.
11. The mandate of the OPCW is an enduring one.
12. The success of the Convention has relied on the thorough implementation of its provisions.
13. But success should also be measured through the capacity to adapt to new challenges and risks. Today, we are witnessing an important moment.
14. More than ever, the OPCW is meant to last, and States Parties have proved that they can act together to ensure the continued protection and promotion of the Convention and the work of the OPCW as its implementing body.
15. Thank you for your attention.

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