



**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH
SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES
25 – 29 NOVEMBER 2019**

This revised annotated provisional agenda¹ has been prepared by the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) to guide and assist Member States in their substantive preparations for the Twenty-Fourth Session of the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”). It lists the items of business for the session in the sequence in which they appear in the provisional agenda set out for it (see paragraph 4 below) (C-24/1, dated 24 July 2019).

1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the session

The Conference at its Twenty-Second Session decided to hold its Twenty-Fourth Session from 25 to 29 November 2019 (paragraph 24.1 of C-22/5*, dated 1 December 2017). The Twenty-Fourth Session will open on 25 November 2019 at 10:00 in the King Willem Alexander Theater in the World Forum. The Chairperson of the Conference for its Twenty-Third Session, Ambassador Yun-young Lee of the Republic of Korea, will open the Twenty-Fourth Session.

2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Election of the Chairperson

Paragraph 15 of Article VIII of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) provides, inter alia, that the Conference shall elect its Chairperson at the beginning of each regular session, and that the Chairperson shall hold office until a new Chairperson is elected at the next regular session.

3. AGENDA ITEM THREE – Election of Vice-Chairpersons and other officers

According to Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, the Conference shall elect 10 Vice-Chairpersons of the Conference, the Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole, and such other officers as it may decide to elect, having due regard to equitable geographical representation. Rule 35 states that such officers of the Conference shall hold office until their successors are elected at its next regular session.

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4. AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Adoption of the agenda

According to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, any request for the inclusion in the agenda of supplementary items must be received not later than 30 days before the date set for the opening of any regular session. Because the Director-General had received no such request by 26 October 2019, the Conference is **requested**, subject to the recommendation of the General Committee, to approve the following agenda, which was circulated in C-24/1.

AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the session

AGENDA ITEM TWO – Election of the Chairperson

AGENDA ITEM THREE – Election of Vice-Chairpersons and other officers

AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Adoption of the agenda

AGENDA ITEM FIVE – Organisation of work and establishment of subsidiary bodies

AGENDA ITEM SIX – Appointment of the Credentials Committee

AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Statement by the Director-General

AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – General Debate

AGENDA ITEM NINE – Status of implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention

AGENDA ITEM TEN – Proposals for technical changes to Schedule 1 of the Annex on Chemicals to the Chemical Weapons Convention (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 and Proposals by the Russian Federation to Introduce Additions to the Schedules of Chemicals of the Annex on Chemicals to the Chemical Weapons Convention)

AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Annual report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention in 2018

AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – Annual Report of the Executive Council on the performance of its activities for the period from 13 July 2018 to 12 July 2019

AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – Election of Member States to membership in the Executive Council

AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2020, submitted by the Executive Council, and all items pertaining to this Budget

AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – Scale of assessments for 2020

AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – External Auditor’s report on the audited Financial Statements of the OPCW and the Provident Fund for 2018

AGENDA ITEM SEVENTEEN – Administrative and financial matters

AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN – Fostering of international cooperation for peaceful purposes in the field of chemical activities

AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN – Ensuring the universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY – The OPCW Programme for Africa

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-ONE – Engagement with the chemical industry and the scientific community

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-TWO – Reports of subsidiary bodies

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-THREE – Follow-up to the Third Review Conference²

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-FOUR – Any other business

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-FIVE – Adoption of the report of the Conference of the States Parties

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-SIX – Closure

5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – Organisation of work and establishment of subsidiary bodies

The Conference is **requested** to consider such recommendations as the General Committee may make to it in accordance with Rule 43(b) of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, and to take such action as it deems appropriate.

6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – Appointment of the Credentials Committee

Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference provides that a Credentials Committee shall be appointed at the beginning of each session of the Conference; that it shall consist of 10 members, who shall be appointed by the Conference on the proposal of its Chairperson; that it shall elect its own officers; and that it shall examine the credentials of all representatives and report without delay to the Conference.

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Review Conference = Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Statement by the Director-General

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

8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – General Debate

Detailed information concerning statements in the general debate is contained in the information handbook on the Twenty-Fourth Session of the Conference, which has been made available to all delegations. Delegations wishing to make a statement in a language other than the six official languages of the OPCW are required to provide their own interpretation into one of the official languages. To facilitate interpretation, at least 12 copies of each statement to be delivered during the general debate must be made available before the statements are delivered. Delegations wishing for their statements to be made available to other delegations are requested to provide the Secretariat with at least 300 copies before the statements are delivered.

9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – Status of implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention

Subitem 9(a): Progress report on the implementation of the plan of action regarding the implementation of Article VII obligations

9.1 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 Conference is **requested** to consider and 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).

Subitem 9(b): Implementation of the regime governing the handling of confidential information by the Technical Secretariat in 2018

9.2 The Conference 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 9(c): Implementation of the Conference of the States Parties and Executive Council decisions on destruction-related issues

9.3 Pursuant to a decision by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session (subparagraph 3(f) of C-16/DEC.11, dated 1 December 2011), the Conference is **requested** to undertake an annual review of the implementation of this decision at a specially designated meeting (or meetings) of the Conference.

- 9.4 Pursuant to the provisions of the same subparagraph of the above-mentioned decision by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session, “[e]ach possessor State concerned is to provide an annual report to the Conference of the States Parties, and provide an annual briefing at a closed meeting of the Conference of the States Parties, on the progress in the destruction of its remaining stockpiles of chemical weapons and identifying progress made since the last briefing in order to meet the planned completion date. These reports, and briefings, are to also include:
- (i) Reporting on any specific measures undertaken to overcome problems in the destruction programmes.
 - (ii) Information on the projected schedule for destruction activities to meet the planned completion date”.
- 9.5 Further to the same decision by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session (subparagraph 3(g) of C-16/DEC.11), “[t]he Director-General is to provide an annual written report to the Conference of the States Parties on the overall destruction progress by the possessor States concerned that is based on the independent information that is received by the Technical Secretariat from the Organisation’s inspectors undertaking verification in accordance with Part IV(A) D of the Verification Annex and that is to include information on:
- (i) The progress achieved to meet the planned completion date(s).
 - (ii) The effectiveness of any specific measures that have been undertaken to overcome problems in the destruction programmes”.

Subitem 9(d): Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use

- 9.6 The Conference at its Fourth Special Session adopted a decision entitled “Addressing the Threat from Chemical Weapons Use” (C-SS-4/DEC.3, dated 27 June 2018). Since the previous regular session of the Conference and pursuant to paragraph 24 of the above-mentioned decision, the following documents were circulated to the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”): EC-90/DG.14 (dated 7 March 2019); EC-91/DG.20 (dated 1 July 2019); EC-91/S/3 (dated 28 June 2019); EC-92/DG.26 (dated 27 September 2019) and Corr.1 (dated 4 October 2019); and EC-92/S/8 (dated 3 October 2019).

Subitem 9(e): Status of implementation of the International Support Network for Victims of Chemical Weapons

- 9.7 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.
- 9.8 At its Ninety-Second Session, the Council noted 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). The Conference is **requested** to note this report.

- 10. AGENDA ITEM TEN – Proposals for technical changes to Schedule 1 of the Annex on Chemicals to the Chemical Weapons Convention (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 and Proposals by the Russian Federation to Introduce Additions to the Schedules of Chemicals of the Annex on Chemicals to the Chemical Weapons Convention)**
- 10.1 On 16 October 2018, the Permanent Representations of Canada, the Netherlands, and the United States of America to the OPCW submitted a “Joint Proposal for a Technical Change to Schedule 1 of the Annex on Chemicals to the Chemical Weapons Convention” (hereinafter “the Joint Proposal”) in accordance with paragraphs 1, 4, and 5 of Article XV of the Convention (S/1682/2018, dated 25 October 2018). At its Sixty-Second Meeting, the Council considered and adopted, by consensus, the decision entitled “Recommendation for a Change to Schedule 1 of the Annex on Chemicals to the Chemical Weapons Convention” (EC-M-62/DEC.1*, dated 14 January 2019), in which it recommended to all States Parties that the Joint Proposal be adopted. Prior to the expiration on 14 April 2019 of the 90-day period for objections, an objection from a State Party to the Council’s recommendation for the adoption of the Joint Proposal was received by the Secretariat (EC-M-62/NAT.5, dated 9 April 2019).
- 10.2 On 30 November 2018, the Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the OPCW submitted “Proposals to Introduce Additions to the Schedules of Chemicals of the Annex on Chemicals to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction” (hereinafter “the Proposals by the Russian Federation”) in accordance with paragraphs 1, 4, and 5 of Article XV of the Convention. At its Sixty-Third Meeting, the Council examined the Proposals and did not adopt a draft decision recommending their adoption (EC-M-63/DEC/CRP.1, dated 19 February 2019). Based on this fact, the Proposals by the Russian Federation were considered to be recommended for rejection by the Council. Prior to the expiration on 27 May 2019 of the 90-day period for objections, an objection from a State Party to the Council’s recommendation for the rejection of the Proposals by the Russian Federation was received by the Secretariat (EC-M-63/NAT.4, dated 9 April 2019). On 24 September 2019, the Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the OPCW submitted a “Modified Proposal to Introduce Changes to Schedule 1 of the Annex on Chemicals to the Chemical Weapons Convention” (S/1796/2019, dated 24 September 2019).
- 10.3 Pursuant to subparagraph 5(e) of Article XV of the Convention, in cases where a State Party has made an objection to the Council’s recommendation, the Conference is required to take a decision on the proposal for a change to an Annex to the Convention as a matter of substance at its next session. In light of all of the above, the Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the Joint Proposal (C-24/DEC/CRP.1, dated 20 September 2019), and is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the Modified Proposal by the Russian Federation (C-24/DEC/CRP.5, dated 1 November 2019).

11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Annual report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention in 2018

The Conference is **requested** to consider and approve the draft report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Convention in 2018 (EC-91/4 C-24/CRP.1, dated 11 July 2019), which was considered and forwarded to it by the Council at its Ninety-First Session.

12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – Annual report of the Executive Council on the performance of its activities for the period from 13 July 2018 to 12 July 2019

The Conference is **requested** to note the report of the Council on the performance of its activities for the period from 13 July 2018 to 12 July 2019, its Attachment entitled “Note by the Technical Secretariat: The Destruction of Chemical Weapons Abandoned by Japan in the People’s Republic of China”, and its Annex entitled “Actions Taken by the Conference of the States Parties at Its Twenty-Third Session in Response to Recommendations Made by the Executive Council” (EC-92/4 C-24/2, dated 10 October 2019). The report will be introduced by the Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Andrea Perugini of Italy, who will also brief the Conference on any developments that have taken place since the cut-off date for the report.

13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – Election of Member States to membership in the Executive Council

In accordance with paragraph 23 of Article VIII of the Convention and with Rule 83 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, the Conference is **requested** to elect 20 members to serve on the Council for a term of two years, starting on 12 May 2020. To ensure that the Council is constituted in accordance with paragraph 23 of Article VIII, the regional distribution of the elective places to be filled is to be as follows:

Africa:	four elective places
Asia:	four elective places
Eastern Europe:	three elective places
Latin America and the Caribbean:	four elective places
Western Europe and other States:	five elective places

14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2020, submitted by the Executive Council, and all items pertaining to this Budget

- 14.1 The Council at its Ninety-Second Session noted the following Notes by the Director-General circulated under this item: “Financial Status of the Special Fund for the Fourth Review Conference in 2018” (EC-92/DG.28, dated 2 October 2019); “Financial Status of the Special Fund for Cybersecurity, Business Continuity, and Physical Infrastructure Security” (EC-92/DG.31, dated 4 October 2019); “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); “Request for 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); and “Report on the Status of Implementation of the Enterprise Resource Planning System” (EC-92/DG.21, dated 23 September 2019). The Secretariat also circulated a Note it had previously issued for the Fourth Review Conference entitled “Request for the Establishment of a Special Fund for Major Capital Investments” (RC-4/S/3, dated 27 November 2018).

- 14.2 The Council at its Ninety-Second Session could not achieve consensus on the adoption of the draft decision on the Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2020 (EC-92/DEC/CRP.8, dated 4 October 2019). Following a vote on the matter under Rule 36 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council (paragraph 11.19 of EC-92/5, dated 11 October 2019), the Council adopted the decision and submitted it, together with its recommendation, to the Conference at its Twenty-Fourth Session (EC-92/DEC.2, dated 10 October 2019).
- 14.3 The Conference is **requested**, pursuant to Regulation 3.6(a) of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules and on the recommendation of the Council at its Ninety-Second Session (EC-92/DEC.2), to consider and adopt a draft decision on the OPCW Draft Programme and Budget for 2020 based on the recommendations forwarded to it by the Council at its Ninety-Second Session (C-24/DEC/CRP.2, dated 29 October 2019).
- 14.4 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 Member States.

15. AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – Scale of assessments for 2020

The Conference is **requested** to adopt, pursuant to Regulation 3.6(b) of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, a draft decision on the scale of assessments to be paid by States Parties for the financial year 2020 (C-24/DEC/CRP.3, dated 1 November 2019).

16. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – External Auditor’s report on the audited Financial Statements of the OPCW and the Provident Fund for 2018

At its Ninety-Second Session, the Council noted 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). In accordance with Regulation 13.10 of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, the report is being forwarded to the Conference, which is **requested** to note it.

17. AGENDA ITEM SEVENTEEN – Administrative and financial matters

Subitem 17(a): Submission of the 2019 Financial Statements to the External Auditor

- 17.1 At its Ninety-Second Session, the Council adopted a decision on the submission of the 2019 OPCW Financial Statements to the External Auditor (Financial Rule 11.1.02) (EC-92/DEC.1, dated 10 October 2019) and transmitted it to the Conference for

approval at its Twenty-Fourth Session. The Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the matter (C-24/DEC/CRP.7, dated 5 November 2019).

Subitem 17(b): Special Fund for OPCW Special Missions

- 17.2 At its Ninety-Second Session and in accordance with a decision by the Conference at its Twentieth Session (C-20/DEC.11, dated 3 December 2015), the Council considered and adopted a decision recommending the extension of the Special Fund for OPCW Special Missions for a period of one further year (EC-92/DEC.3, dated 10 October 2019), and transmitted it to the Conference for approval at its Twenty-Fourth Session. The Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the matter (C-24/DEC/CRP.8, dated 5 November 2019).

Subitem 17(c): Status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans to regularise the payment of their outstanding annual contributions

- 17.3 At its Eleventh Session, the Conference adopted a decision (C-11/DEC.5, dated 7 December 2006) on a mechanism to encourage States Parties that are in arrears to regularise the payment of their outstanding annual contributions through the use of multi-year payment plans, requesting the Secretariat to submit a report to it each year, through the Council, on the status of implementation of agreed multi-year payment plans as at the end of the quarter that falls immediately before the session of the Council that precedes the session of the Conference.
- 17.4 The Conference is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Director-General reporting on the status of the implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payments plans (EC-92/DG.4 C-24/DG.7, dated 21 August 2019) that the Council, at its Ninety-Second Session, considered and forwarded to it pursuant to the above-mentioned decision.
- 17.5 Also pursuant to C-11/DEC.5, the Council at its Ninety-Second Session recommended that the Conference at its Twenty-Fourth Session approve the payment plan submitted by Sierra Leone to regularise the payment of its outstanding annual contributions (EC-92/DEC.4, dated 10 October 2019). The Conference is **requested** to consider and approve the plan (C-24/DEC/CRP.9, dated 5 November 2019).

Subitem 17(d): Cash situation and the use of the Working Capital Fund for the financial year to 31 August 2019

- 17.6 At its Ninety-Second Session, the Council considered and forwarded 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). The Conference is **requested** to note this Note.

Subitem 17(e): Recommendation for write-offs of irrecoverable accounts receivable and losses of assets

- 17.7 The Council at its Ninety-Second Session considered a Note by the Director-General on the recommendation for write-offs of irrecoverable accounts receivable and losses of assets, and recommended 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). The Conference is **requested** to adopt a draft decision approving the said proposals (C-24/DEC/CRP.6, dated 5 November 2019).

Subitem 17(f): Transfers of funds during 2018

- 17.8 In accordance with Regulation 4.5 of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, all transfers between Budget programmes shall be reported to the Conference. The Conference is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General on this matter (EC-91/DG.13 C-24/DG.4, dated 24 June 2019).

Subitem 17(g): Report of the Office of Internal Oversight for 2018

- 17.9 In accordance with Regulation 12.5 of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, the Council at its Ninety-First Session considered and forwarded to the Conference the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2018, and the accompanying Note by the Director-General (EC-91/DG.8 C-24/DG.3, dated 28 May 2019). The Conference is **requested** to note this report.

Subitem 17(h): Rehiring of inspectors

- 17.10 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.
- 17.11 At its Ninety-Second Session, the Council adopted a decision on the rehiring of inspectors (EC-92/DEC.5, dated 10 October 2019), and transmitted it to the Conference for approval at its Twenty-Fourth Session. The Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the matter (C-24/DEC/CRP.11, dated 8 November 2019).

Subitem 17(i): Transition of the OPCW to a biennial programme and budget cycle

- 17.12 At its Ninety-Second Session, the Council adopted a decision on the transition of the OPCW to a biennial programme and budget cycle (EC-92/DEC.6, dated 10 October 2019), and transmitted it to the Conference for approval at its Twenty-Fourth Session. The Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the matter (C-24/DEC/CRP.10, dated 5 November 2019).

18. AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN – Fostering of international cooperation for peaceful purposes in the field of chemical activities

- 18.1 The Conference at its Sixteenth Session adopted a decision regarding components of an agreed framework for the full implementation of Article XI of the Convention (C-16/DEC.10, dated 1 December 2011), and requested the Secretariat to report to the Conference at each annual session on the progress of concrete measures undertaken in implementing the decision, and on the status of implementation of Article XI.
- 18.2 The Conference is **requested** to note a report by the Director-General on the progress made and review of the status of implementation of Article XI of the Convention for the period from 26 August 2018 to 25 August 2019 (EC-92/DG.14 C-24/DG.12, dated 9 September 2019).

19. AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN – Ensuring the universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention

- 19.1 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.
- 19.2 The Conference is **requested** to note the annual report by the Director-General on the implementation of the action plan for the universality of the Convention during the period from 16 August 2018 to 15 August 2019 (EC-92/DG.16 C-24/DG.13, dated 12 September 2019), and to take any further steps it might consider necessary.

20. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY – The OPCW Programme for Africa

The Conference is **requested** to 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).

21. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-ONE – Engagement with the chemical industry and the scientific community

The Conference is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General on engaging the chemical industry associations (C-24/DG.17, dated 4 November 2019).

22. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-TWO – Reports of subsidiary bodies

Committee of the Whole

- 22.1 The Committee of the Whole is expected to report on the results of its consideration of those agenda items that the Conference refers to it at the recommendation of the General Committee.

General Committee

- 22.2 The Conference is **requested** to note the reports that the General Committee will prepare in accordance with Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, and to take such action as it deems appropriate.

Confidentiality Commission

- 22.3 The Conference is **requested** to note the report of the Twenty-First Meeting of the Commission for the Settlement of Disputes Related to Confidentiality (CC-21/1, dated 3 May 2019).

Credentials Committee

- 22.4 The Conference is **requested** to consider and approve the report of the Credentials Committee on the credentials of representatives to the Twenty-Fourth Session of the Conference (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

- 22.5 At its Eleventh Session, the Conference adopted a decision establishing a Committee on Relations with the Host Country (hereinafter “the Host Country Committee”) (C-11/DEC.9, dated 7 December 2006). The Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Andrea Perugini of Italy, will report to the Conference on the status of the work of the Host Country Committee.

Advisory Board on Education and Outreach

- 22.6 The Conference is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Director-General reporting on the activities of the Advisory Board on Education and Outreach (ABEO) covering the period from 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 (EC-92/DG.23 C-24/DG.16, dated 24 September 2019).
- 22.7 The Secretariat circulated a Note by the Director-General on the membership of the ABEO (EC-90/DG.3 C-24/DG.1, dated 12 December 2018).
- 22.8 A member of the ABEO will address the Conference.

Scientific Advisory Board

- 22.9 The Chairperson of the Scientific Advisory Board will address the Conference.

23. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-THREE – Follow-up to the Third Review Conference

- 23.1 In paragraph 9.17 of its report (RC-3/3*, dated 19 April 2013), the Third Review Conference expressed its intention to keep the declarations contained in paragraphs 9.3 to 9.16 of that document under review at each regular session of the Conference. Subsequently, the agendas of the Council from its Seventy-Third through Eighty-Ninth Sessions have included an item on the follow-up to the Third Review Conference. Starting from the Eightieth Session of the Council, it was decided to

introduce a new procedure whereby updates are provided to the Council by way of an addendum to the matrix that encompasses only new activities and developments during the reporting period. A full version of the matrix is produced only once a year, the most recent being document EC-92/S/5 (dated 25 September 2019). The Conference is **requested** to note the activities in furtherance of its review of the declarations contained in paragraphs 9.3 to 9.16 of RC-3/3*.

- 23.2 At its Ninety-First 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.
- 24. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-FOUR – Any other business**
- 25. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-FIVE – Adoption of the report of the Conference of the States Parties**
- 26. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-SIX – Closure**

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