



### NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

#### NEW EXTERNAL AUDITOR OF THE OPCW

1. The Conference of the States Parties at its Twenty-Second Session reappointed Sir Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General of the National Audit Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as External Auditor of the OPCW to audit the OPCW's financial and administrative operations for the financial years 2018 to 2020 (C-22/DEC.17, dated 30 November 2017).
2. Consequent to the conclusion of the term of Sir Amyas Morse on 31 May 2019, Mr Gareth Davies, the newly appointed Comptroller and Auditor General of the National Audit Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, has succeeded to the post of External Auditor of the OPCW, in accordance with Regulation 13.2 of the OPCW Financial Regulations (Annex to C-I/DEC.3/Rev.2, dated 30 November 2017), which states:

“If the External Auditor ceases to hold office as Auditor-General in his or her own country, his or her appointment as External Auditor of the OPCW shall terminate forthwith and he or she shall be succeeded as External Auditor by the person who succeeds him or her as Auditor-General in his or her home country. The External Auditor may not otherwise be removed during the tenure of his or her appointment, except by the Conference of the States Parties”.
3. The term of Mr Davies as External Auditor of the OPCW took effect on 1 June 2019 and will continue until the audit of the OPCW financial statements as at 31 December 2020 has been completed. Mr Davies's curriculum vitae is annexed to this Note.

Annex (English only): Curriculum Vitae of Mr Gareth Davies



**Annex**

**CURRICULUM VITAE OF MR GARETH DAVIES**

**Comptroller and Auditor General**

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**Gareth Davies: Comptroller and Auditor General**

Gareth Davies was appointed C&AG on 1 June 2019. Throughout his career he has been committed to the provision of external audit and assurance services across the UK and the international Public Sector. Originally starting with the Audit Commission, with statutory responsibilities for the external audit of local government and the National Health Service, rising to the role of Managing Director of the Commission's Audit Practice.

From there Gareth moved to become Head of Public Services at Mazars, a global accountancy firm specialising in provision of audit and advisory services internationally. Gareth has also served in various Trustee roles in large third sector Non-Governmental Organizations, sharing a commitment for providing cost effective provision of aid.

He is Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy and a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. Gareth currently Chairs the UN Panel of External Auditors.

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