TENTATIVE PROGRAMME OF WORK
FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION
OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES
20 – 22 APRIL 2021

PART 1
30 November – 1 December 2020

Monday, 30 November 2020
10:00 – 13:00
Agenda Item 1 Opening of the session
Agenda Item 2 Election of the Chairperson
Agenda Item 3 Election of Vice-Chairpersons and other officers
Agenda Item 4 Adoption of the agenda
Agenda Item 5 Organisation of work and establishment of subsidiary bodies
Agenda Item 6 Appointment of the Credentials Committee
Agenda Item 7 Statement by the Director-General
Agenda Item 13 Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2021, submitted by the Executive Council, and all items pertaining to this Budget
Agenda Item 14 Scale of assessments for 2021
Agenda Item 17 Administrative and financial matters:
Subitem 17(a) Submission of the 2020 Financial Statements to the External Auditor
Subitem 17(f) Amendments to the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules

Tuesday, 1 December 2020
14:45 – 15:00
Ceremony on the observance of the Day of Remembrance for All Victims of Chemical Warfare
15:00 – 18:00
Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2021, submitted by the Executive Council, and all items pertaining to this Budget (continued, if required)
**PART 2**

**20 – 22 April 2021**

**Tuesday, 20 April 2021**

**10:00-12:00**

Agenda Item 5  Organisation of work and establishment of subsidiary bodies (continued)

Agenda Item 7  Statement by the Director-General (continued)

Agenda Item 9  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
  - Subitem 9(b)  Implementation of the regime governing the handling of confidential information by the Technical Secretariat in 2019
  - Subitem 9(d)  Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use

Agenda Item 12  Election of Member States to membership in the Executive Council

**12:00-13:00**

Reserved for the Sixty-Fifth Meeting of the Executive Council

**15:00-15:30**

Reserved for the Sixty-Fifth Meeting of the Executive Council (if required)

**15:30-18:00**

Agenda Item 9  Status of implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention:

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

Agenda Item 10  Annual report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention in 2019

Agenda Item 11  Annual report of the Executive Council on the performance of its activities for the period from 13 July 2019 to 12 July 2020

Agenda Item 15  External Auditor’s report on the audited Financial Statements of the OPCW and the Provident Fund for 2019

Agenda Item 17  Administrative and financial matters (continued):

  - Subitem 17(b)  Special Fund for OPCW Special Missions
  - Subitem 17(c)  Status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans to regularise the payment of their outstanding annual contributions

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1 Agenda (sub)items 9(a), 9(b), 10, 11, 15, 17(b), 17(c), 17(d), 17(e), 17(g), 18, 19, 20, 21, and 23 were considered during the pre-session informal consultation process, and no substantive comments or objections were received by States Parties on these (sub)items during the process. Therefore, the Chairperson of the Conference of the States Parties will ask the Conference whether it is amenable to taking the action indicated on the Annotated Provisional Agenda on these agenda items at the beginning of the session.
Subitem 17(d) Cash situation and the use of the Working Capital Fund for the financial year to 31 August 2020
Subitem 17(e) Transfers of funds during 2019
Subitem 17(g) Annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight for 2019

Agenda Item 18 Fostering of international cooperation for peaceful purposes in the field of chemical activities
Agenda Item 19 Ensuring the universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention
Agenda Item 20 The OPCW Programme for Africa
Agenda Item 21 Engagement with the chemical industry and the scientific community

Wednesday, 21 April 2021
11:00-14:00
Agenda Item 9 Status of implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention:
Subitem 9(c) Implementation of the Conference of the States Parties and Executive Council decisions on destruction-related issues
Subitem 9(d) Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use (continued)
Agenda Item 16 Appointment of the External Auditor

16:00-19:00
Agenda Item 16 Appointment of the External Auditor (continued)
Agenda Item 9 Status of implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention:
Subitem 9(d) Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use (continued, if required)
Agenda Item 22 Reports of subsidiary bodies
Agenda Item 23 Follow-up to the Third Review Conference²
Agenda Item 24 Any other business

Thursday, 22 April 2021
15:00-18:00
Agenda Item 25 Adoption of the report of the Conference of the States Parties
Presentations on the new OPCW Extranet and the electronic voting system
Agenda Item 26 Closure

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