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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE NINETY-SEVENTH SESSION
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

1. The Director-General has the honour to transmit to the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) the revised provisional agenda for its Ninety-Seventh Session, prepared in consultation with the Chairperson of the Council in accordance with Rule 16 of its Rules of Procedure.
2. The annotated provisional agenda will be circulated in due course.



**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
FOR THE NINETY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Opening statement by the Director-General
4. Reports by the Vice-Chairpersons on the activities conducted under their respective clusters of issues
5. General debate
6. Status of implementation of the Chemical Weapons 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) Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use
 - (g) Timely submission of declarations under Article VI
 - (h) Article VII: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat
 - (i) The content of the Protection and Assistance Databank and its use
 - (j) Article X: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat
 - (k) Article XI: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat
 - (l) Report by the Director-General on the Technical Secretariat's readiness to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use
7. Scientific Advisory Board
8. Countering chemical terrorism
9. Draft annual report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention in 2020

10. Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight:
 - (a) Implementation in 2020 of the recommendations contained in the 2019 Annual Report of the Office of Internal Oversight
 - (b) Annual Report of the Office of Internal Oversight for the period 1 January to 31 December 2020
11. Administrative and financial matters:
 - (a) Nominations for membership of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
 - (b) Rules of Procedure of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
 - (c) Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
 - (d) Transfers of funds during 2020
 - (e) Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system
 - (f) Composition of the Technical Secretariat
 - (g) Implementation of the tenure policy
12. Establishment of a working group to develop a proposal on the manner of appointment of future External Auditors of the OPCW by the Conference of the States Parties pursuant to C-25/DEC.10 (dated 21 April 2021)
13. Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference¹
14. Credentials of representatives of the members of the Executive Council
15. Provisional agenda for the Twenty-Sixth Session of the Conference of the States Parties
16. Dates for the regular sessions of the Executive Council in 2022
17. Any other business
18. Adoption of the report
19. Closure

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¹ Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.