TENTATIVE PROGRAMME OF WORK
FOR THE NINETY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
6 – 9 JULY 2021

Tuesday, 6 July 2021
10:00 – 13:00
Agenda Item 1 Opening of the session
Agenda Item 2 Adoption of the agenda
Agenda Item 3 Opening statement by the Director-General
Agenda Item 4 Reports by the Vice-Chairpersons on the activities conducted under their respective clusters of issues
Agenda Item 5 General debate (if required)
Agenda Item 6 Status of implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention:
  Subitem 6(a) Reports by the Director-General on destruction-related issues
  Subitem 6(b) Implementation of the Conference of the States Parties and Executive Council decisions on destruction-related issues
  Subitem 6(c) Elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme

15:00 – 18:00
Agenda Item 6 Status of implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (continued):
  Subitem 6(d) Other verification-related issues
  Subitem 6(e) Destruction-related plans and facility agreements
  Subitem 6(f) Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use
  Subitem 6(g) Timely submission of declarations under Article VI
  Subitem 6(h) Article VII: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat
  Subitem 6(i) The content of the Protection and Assistance Databank and its use
  Subitem 6(j) Article X: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat
  Subitem 6(k) Article XI: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat
  Subitem 6(l) Report by the Director-General on the Technical Secretariat’s readiness to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use
**Wednesday, 7 July 2021**

**10:00 – 13:00**

**Agenda Item 7**
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**Agenda Item 8**
Countering chemical terrorism

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Draft annual report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention in 2020

**Agenda Item 10**
Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight:
- Subitem 10(a) Implementation in 2020 of the recommendations contained in the 2019 Annual Report of the Office of Internal Oversight
- Subitem 10(b) Annual Report of the Office of Internal Oversight for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2020

**Agenda Item 11**
Administrative and financial matters:
- Subitem 11(a) Rules of Procedure of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
- Subitem 11(b) Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
- Subitem 11(c) Transfers of funds during 2020
- Subitem 11(d) Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system
- Subitem 11(e) Composition of the Technical Secretariat
- Subitem 11(f) Implementation of the tenure policy

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**Agenda Item 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)

**Agenda Item 13**
Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference

**Agenda Item 14**
Credentials of representatives of the members of the Executive Council

**Agenda Item 15**
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**Agenda Item 16**
Dates for the regular sessions of the Executive Council in 2022

**Agenda Item 17**
Any other business

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