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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

CORRESPONDENCE FROM GERMANY TO THE OPCW REQUESTING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE CASE OF MR ALEXEI NAVALNY, AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

1. Following a request by Germany, conveyed to the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) under cover of note verbale 20/2021 (dated 29 July 2021) (Annex 1), to declassify previously classified documents, the Secretariat is herewith publishing a letter from the Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the OPCW, H.E. Ambassador Gudrun Lingner, to the OPCW Director-General, H.E. Mr Fernando Arias, dated 4 September 2020, conveyed to the OPCW under cover of note verbale 26/2020, also dated 4 September 2020 (Annex 2), in which Germany requested the Secretariat to carry out a technical assistance visit in the case of Mr Alexei Navalny. The note verbale and accompanying letter by Germany were, at the time, duly registered and archived as classified documents by the Secretariat upon receipt.
2. For ease of reference, the Secretariat previously published a Note (S/1906/2020, dated 6 October 2020) detailing the activities, including the associated timelines, carried out by the Secretariat in support of the request for the technical assistance visit by Germany.

See link: <https://www.opcw.org/sites/default/files/documents/2020/10/s-1906-2020%28e%29.pdf>.

Annexes (English only):

- Annex 1: Note Verbale No. 20/2021 from the Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Technical Secretariat, Dated 29 July 2021
- Annex 2: Note Verbale No. 26/2020 from the Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Technical Secretariat, Dated 4 September 2020, Transmitting a Letter from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the OPCW, H.E. Ambassador Gudrun Lingner to the OPCW Director-General, H.E. Mr Fernando Arias, Dated 4 September 2020

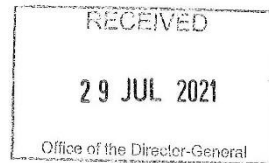


Annex 1

**NOTE VERBALE NO. 20/2021 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY TO THE TECHNICAL
SECRETARIAT, DATED 29 JULY 2021**



Permanent Representation
of the Federal Republic of Germany
to the OPCW



File No. CW 370.45/08-38
Verbal Note No. 20 /2021

Verbal Note

The Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the OPCW presents its compliments to the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and has the honour to request the declassification of its Verbal Note No 26/2020 dated 4 September 2020 and its attachment.

After the declassification, the Permanent Representation kindly requests the Technical Secretariat to publish the letter of Ambassador Gudrun Lingner to Director-General Arias, dated 4 September 2020, on the OPCW's extranet and website.

The Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 29 July 2021

Technical Secretariat of the
Organisation for the Prohibition of
Chemical Weapons (OPCW)
Office of the Director-General
The Hague



Annex 2

**NOTE VERBALE NO. 26/2020 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY TO THE TECHNICAL
SECRETARIAT, DATED 4 SEPTEMBER 2020, TRANSMITTING A LETTER
FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GERMANY TO THE OPCW,
H.E. AMBASSADOR GUDRUN LINGNER TO THE OPCW DIRECTOR-GENERAL,
H.E. MR FERNANDO ARIAS, DATED 4 SEPTEMBER 2020**



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The Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the OPCW presents its compliments to the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and has the honour to transmit the enclosed letter of the Permanent Representative, Ambassador Gudrun Lingner, to the attention of the Director General.

The Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons the assurances of its highest consideration.

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THROUGH NOTE VERBALE
No 20/2021 DATED
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The Hague, 04 September 2020



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The Hague, 04 September 2020

ARTICLE VIII 38 (E): EVALUATION OF CHEMICALS

Your Excellency,

My State Secretary of the Federal Foreign Office Miguel Berger wrote to you on 03 September to inform you about the findings regarding the poisoning of the Russian citizen Mr. Alexei Nawalny.

In this context Germany would like to invite the Technical Secretariat to send a team of experts to Germany to provide technical assistance in accordance with Article VIII 38 (e). Therefore, Germany would like to invite the OPCW to send a team of technical experts to Berlin to collect samples from M. Alexei Nawalny. The samples' transmission to OPCW reference laboratories should only take place after the consent by Germany.

I suggest that the Head of the OPCW Laboratory liaise directly with experts to arrange administrative and other relevant organizational matters to progress this urgent matter as quickly and as efficiently as possible.

I would be most grateful for the Technical Secretariat's expertise and assistance on the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Gudrun Lingner

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