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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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

1. The Director-General has the honour to transmit to the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) the provisional agenda for its Ninety-Eighth 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.



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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) Verification Implementation Report for 2020
 - (g) Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use
 - (h) Status of implementation of Article VII
 - (i) Status of implementation of Article X
 - (j) Status of implementation of Article XI
 - (k) Status of implementation of the International Support Network for Victims of Chemical Weapons
 - (l) Progress made in the implementation of the action plan for the universality of the Convention
7. Scientific Advisory Board
8. Countering chemical terrorism
9. Education and outreach
10. Administrative and financial matters:
 - (a) Rules of Procedure of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
 - (b) Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters

- (c) Financial Statements of the OPCW and the External Auditor's report for the year ending 31 December 2020
 - (d) Submission of the 2021 Financial Statements to the External Auditor
 - (e) Status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor
 - (f) Recommendation for write-offs of irrecoverable accounts receivable and losses of assets
 - (g) Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system
 - (h) Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2022–2023, and all items pertaining to this Budget, including relevant special funds and the cash deficit for 2019
 - (i) Extension of the special fund for OPCW special missions
 - (j) Status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans to regularise the payment of their outstanding annual contributions
 - (k) Implementation of the amendment to the Staff Regulations regarding downward classification of posts during the period from 14 August 2020 to 13 August 2021
 - (l) Rehiring of inspectors
11. Update of the 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)
 12. The OPCW Programme for Africa
 13. Draft report of the Executive Council on the performance of its activities
 14. Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference¹
 15. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country
 16. Appointment of the Director-General
 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.