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TENTATIVE PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE NINETY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 5 – 8 OCTOBER 2021

Tuesday, 5 October 2021

10:00 – 13:00

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| 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 |

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| 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) | Verification Implementation Report for 2020 |
| Subitem 6(g) | Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use |
| Subitem 6(h) | Status of implementation of Article VII |
| Subitem 6(i) | Status of implementation of Article X |
| Subitem 6(j) | Status of implementation of Article XI |
| Subitem 6(k) | Status of implementation of the International Support Network for Victims of Chemical Weapons |
| Subitem 6(l) | Progress made in the implementation of the action plan for the universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention |



Wednesday, 6 October 2021

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- Agenda Item 7 Scientific Advisory Board
- Agenda Item 8 Countering chemical terrorism
- Agenda Item 9 Education and outreach
- Agenda Item 10 Administrative and financial matters:
- Subitem 10(a) Rules of Procedure of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
 - Subitem 10(b) Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
 - Subitem 10(c) Financial Statements of the OPCW and the External Auditor's report for the year ending 31 December 2020
 - Subitem 10(d) Submission of the 2021 Financial Statements to the External Auditor
 - Subitem 10(e) Status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor
 - Subitem 10(f) Recommendations for write-offs of irrecoverable accounts receivable and losses of assets
 - Subitem 10(g) Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system
 - Subitem 10(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

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- Agenda Item 10 Administrative and financial matters (continued):
- Subitem 10(i) Extension of the special fund for OPCW special missions
 - Subitem 10(j) Status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans to regularise the payment of their outstanding annual contributions
 - Subitem 10(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
 - Subitem 10(l) Rehiring of inspectors
- Agenda Item 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)
- Agenda Item 12 The OPCW Programme for Africa
- Agenda Item 13 Draft report of the Executive Council on the performance of its activities
- Agenda Item 14 Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference¹
- Agenda Item 15 Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country
- Agenda Item 16 Appointment of the Director-General
- Agenda Item 17 Any other business

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

Thursday, 7 October 2021

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Agenda Item 18

Adoption of the report

Agenda Item 19

Closure

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