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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  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):
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  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
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1  Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.
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Agenda Item 18  Adoption of the report
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