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**REQUEST FOR CIRCULATION OF A DOCUMENT
AT THE NINETY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

The Permanent Representation of Sweden to the OPCW has requested that a note verbale addressed to the Technical Secretariat, dated 18 October 2021, be circulated as an official document of the Ninety-Eighth Session of the Executive Council.

Annex: Note Verbale from the Permanent Representation of Sweden to the OPCW Addressed to the Technical Secretariat, Dated 18 October 2021



Annex

**NOTE VERBALE FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF SWEDEN
TO THE OPCW ADDRESSED TO THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT,
DATED 18 OCTOBER 2021**



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The Hague

The Embassy of Sweden presents its compliments to the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and has the honour to request it to transmit to the Russian Federation's Permanent Representation to the OPCW the following response to the Russian Note Verbale No. 44, received via the OPCW Technical Secretariat (NV/ODG-155/21) on 8 October 2021, on the case of A. Navalny.

With regard to the question posed to Sweden in its' Annex 1, Sweden would like to state the following.

Regarding the Russian Federation's request for international legal assistance (Note Verbale Nr. 876 from the Russian Embassy in Stockholm) and demands on Swedish authorities to hand over information of the formula of the chemical substances found in the biomaterials of Mr Navalny (Note Verbale Nr. 349 from the Russian Embassy in Stockholm) Sweden would like to refer to the answers provided by the Director-General of Legal Affairs at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs in meetings with the Russian ambassador to Sweden on 4 November 2020 and 18 May 2021 respectively.

With reference to the question raised in the Note Verbale No. 44 on the "formula of the chemicals" Sweden has acted in the framework of a German request regarding analysis of the biomedical sample from Mr Navalny, and hence refer questions on the formula to Germany, as the requesting State.

The Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

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The Embassy of Sweden would be grateful if the Technical Secretariat could circulate a copy of this Note Verbale to all States Parties and make it available on Catalyst and on the OPCW public website as an official document of EC-98.

The Embassy of Sweden avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Technical Secretariat of Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 18 October 2021



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