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This revised annotated agenda¹ has been prepared by the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) to guide and assist members of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) in their substantive preparations for its 100th Session. It lists the items of business for the session in the sequence in which they appear in the provisional agenda set for it (see agenda item two below).

1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the session

The 100th Session of the Council will be opened in The Hague by the Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Ziad M. D. Al Atiyah of Saudi Arabia, at 10:00 on 5 July 2022.

2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Adoption of the agenda

The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt the following agenda, which has been circulated under cover of EC-100/1 (dated 1 June 2022):

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

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- (d) Other verification-related issues
 - (e) Destruction-related plans and facility agreements
 - (f) Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use
 - (g) Timely submission of declarations under Article VI of the Chemical Weapons Convention
 - (h) Article VII: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat
 - (i) The content of the Protection and Assistance Databank and its use
 - (j) Article X: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat
 - (k) Article XI: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat
 - (l) Report by the Director-General on the Technical Secretariat's readiness to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use
7. Scientific Advisory Board
8. Countering chemical terrorism
9. Draft annual report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention in 2021
10. Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight:
- (a) Implementation in 2021 of the recommendations contained in the 2020 annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight
 - (b) Annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight for the period 1 January to 31 December 2021
11. Administrative and financial matters:
- (a) Nominations for membership of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
 - (b) Rules of Procedure of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
 - (c) Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
 - (d) Transfers of funds during 2021
 - (e) Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system
 - (f) Composition of the Technical Secretariat
 - (g) Implementation of the tenure policy

12. Update of the Working Group on the Manner of Appointment of the External Auditor
13. Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference²
14. Credentials of representatives of the members of the Executive Council
15. Provisional agenda for the Twenty-Seventh Session of the Conference of the States Parties
16. Dates for the regular sessions of the Executive Council in 2023
17. Update by the Chairperson of the Open-Ended Working Group for the Preparation of the Fifth Review Conference
18. Report by the Committee on Relations with the Host Country
19. Any other business
20. Adoption of the report
21. Closure

3. AGENDA ITEM THREE – Opening statement by the Director-General

The Council is **requested** to note the opening statement by the Director-General (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

4. AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Reports by the Vice-Chairpersons on the activities conducted under their respective clusters of issues

- 4.1 The Vice-Chairpersons and coordinators for clusters of issues will report to the Council on informal consultations held during the intersessional period: Ambassador Konstantin Dimitrov of Bulgaria on chemical weapons issues; Ambassador Eniola Olaitan Ajayi of Nigeria on chemical industry and other Article VI issues; Ambassador Carmen María Gallardo de Hernández of El Salvador on administrative and financial issues; and Ambassador Giorgio Novello of Italy on legal, organisational, and other issues.
- 4.2 The co-facilitators on organisational governance issues, Ambassador Matthew Neuhaus of Australia and Ambassador Elizabeth Ward Neiman of Panama, are expected to report to the Council on consultations held during the intersessional period.

5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – General debate

With respect to the general debate, delegations are encouraged to refer to paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2 of the “EC-100 Guidelines for Delegates”, circulated to all States Parties under cover of the joint letter signed on 10 June 2022 by the Chairperson of the Council and the Director-General.

² Review Conference = Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – Status of implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention

Subitem 6(a): Reports by the Director-General on destruction-related issues

6.1 Further to a decision by the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”) at its Sixteenth Session (C-16/DEC.11, dated 1 December 2011), the Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the overall progress with respect to the destruction of the remaining chemical weapons stockpiles (EC-100/DG.15, dated 24 June 2022).

6.2 Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6, dated 15 February 2012), the Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the overall progress in the destruction of abandoned chemical weapons (EC-100/DG.17, dated 30 June 2022).

Subitem 6(b): Implementation of the Conference of the States Parties and Executive Council decisions on destruction-related issues

6.3 The Secretariat is expected to provide an update to the Council on its destruction-related verification activities and on Article III-related submissions.

6.4 The States Parties concerned are expected to brief the Council on their destruction-related activities.

6.5 Further to a decision by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session (C-16/DEC.11), the Council is **requested** to consider and note a national paper by the United States of America on the progress achieved towards complete destruction of its chemical weapons stockpile, including information on measures to accelerate such progress, and identifying progress made since the last briefing in order to meet the planned completion date. This report is also to include reporting on any specific measures undertaken to overcome problems in the destruction programme (EC-100/NAT.2, dated 17 June 2022).

6.6 Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6) and the destruction plan beyond the year 2016 for the chemical weapons abandoned by Japan in China (EC-84/NAT.6, dated 2 March 2017), attached as Annex 2 to Council decision EC-67/DEC.6 and adopted by the Council at its Eighty-Fourth Session (paragraph 6.14 of EC-84/2, dated 9 March 2017), a national paper by China (EC-100/NAT.4, dated 20 June 2022) and a national paper by Japan (EC-100/NAT.3, dated 17 June 2022) on the overall progress of the destruction of chemical weapons abandoned by Japan on the territory of China have been circulated to the members of the Council.

6.7 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the information provided by the delegation of the Netherlands on its destruction-related verification activities (EC-100/NAT.1, dated 10 June 2022).

Subitem 6(c): Elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme

- 6.8 Further to its decision at its Eighty-Third Session (EC-83/DEC.5, dated 11 November 2016), the Council decided to place “Elimination of the Syrian Chemical Weapons Programme” on the agenda of all future Council sessions until the Council determines that all elements of the Syrian chemical weapons programme have been eliminated.
- 6.9 The Council is **requested** to note reports by the Director-General reporting on progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme (EC-100/DG.2, dated 24 March 2022; EC-100/DG.4, dated 25 April 2022; EC-100/DG.6, dated 24 May 2022; and EC-100/DG.14, dated 23 June 2022).
- 6.10 The Council is **requested** to note the national papers by the Syrian Arab Republic on the activities related to the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons and their production facilities (EC-100/P/NAT.1, dated 16 March 2022; EC-100/P/NAT.2, dated 14 April 2022; EC-100/P/NAT.3, dated 16 May 2022; and EC-100/P/NAT.4, dated 15 June 2022).
- 6.11 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General entitled “Report on the Work of the Declaration Assessment Team” (EC-100/HP/DG.1, dated 29 June 2022).
- 6.12 The Secretariat provided a briefing to States Parties on 30 June 2022 on its activities related to the Syrian Arab Republic, including on the activities of the Declaration Assessment Team, the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria, and the Investigation and Identification Team.

Subitem 6(d): Other verification-related issues

- 6.13 The Secretariat is expected to provide an update to the Council on its other verification-related activities.
- 6.14 Further to the decision of the Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session on the policy guidelines for determining the number of Article VI inspections (EC-66/DEC.10, dated 7 October 2011), the Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General on the results of the tenth year of implementation of these policy guidelines (EC-100/DG.1, dated 21 March 2022).

Subitem 6(e): Destruction-related plans and facility agreements

- 6.15 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note on the “Modification of the Facility Arrangement Between the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Regarding On-Site Inspections at the Single Small-Scale Facility at the New Boscombe Laboratory Complex at DSTL Porton Down, Salisbury, Wiltshire, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland” (EC-100/S/4, dated 17 June 2022).

Subitem 6(f): Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use

- 6.16 The Council is **requested** to note the regular report by the Director-General to the Council on progress made in the implementation of the decision of the Conference entitled “Addressing the Threat from Chemical Weapons Use” (C-SS-4/DEC.3, dated 27 June 2018) (EC-100/DG.13, dated 23 June 2022).

Subitem 6(g): Timely submission of declarations under Article VI of the Chemical Weapons Convention

6.17 Further to a decision by the Council at its Fifty-First Session (EC-51/DEC.1, dated 27 November 2007), the Council is **requested** to note a status report by the Director-General on the timely submission by States Parties of declarations under Article VI of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) for the period 1 January to 31 May 2022 (EC-100/DG.11, dated 16 June 2022).

Subitem 6(h): Article VII: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat

6.18 The Secretariat has circulated a presentation on the status of implementation of Article VII.

Subitem 6(i): The content of the Protection and Assistance Databank and its use

6.19 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Secretariat on the content of the Protection and Assistance Databank and its use (EC-100/S/2, dated 9 June 2022).

Subitem 6(j): Article X: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat

6.20 The Secretariat has circulated a presentation on the status of implementation of Article X.

Subitem 6(k): Article XI: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat

6.21 The Secretariat has circulated a presentation on the programme of activities for 2022 in relation to Article XI.

Subitem 6(l): Report by the Director-General on the Technical Secretariat’s readiness to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use

6.22 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Director-General reporting on the readiness of the Secretariat to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use (EC-100/DG.10, dated 16 June 2022).

7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Scientific Advisory Board

7.1 The report of the Thirty-Fourth Session of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) (SAB-34/1, dated 17 March 2022) has been circulated to the members of the Council.

7.2 The Council is **requested** to note the response by the Director-General to the report of the Thirty-Fourth Session of the SAB (EC-100/DG.9, dated 14 June 2022).

8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – Countering chemical terrorism

The Chairperson of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on Terrorism, Ambassador Vusimuzi Philemon Madonsela of South Africa, is expected to brief the Council on the work of the OEWG during the intersessional period.

9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – Draft annual report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention in 2021

The Council is **requested** to consider the “Draft Report of the OPCW on the Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction in 2021” (EC-100/CRP.1, dated 20 May 2022 and Corr.1, dated 1 July 2022), and to submit it to the Conference for consideration at its Twenty-Seventh Session.

10. AGENDA ITEM TEN – Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight

Subitem 10(a): Implementation in 2021 of the recommendations contained in the 2020 annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight

10.1 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Director-General on the implementation in 2021 of the recommendations contained in the 2020 annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight (OIO) (EC-100/DG.5, dated 16 May 2022).

Subitem 10(b): Annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight for the period 1 January to 31 December 2021

10.2 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the annual report of the OIO for the period 1 January to 31 December 2021 (EC-100/DG.3 C-27/DG.2, dated 11 April 2022), which the Director-General has submitted to it, along with his comments. The Council is also **requested** to make any comments it deems appropriate on the report. In accordance with Financial Regulation 12.5, the Director-General will transmit the report to the Conference at its Twenty-Seventh Session, together with his own comments and any that the Council may deem appropriate.

11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Administrative and financial matters

Subitem 11(a): Nominations for membership of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters

11.1 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters (ABAF) (EC-100/S/1, dated 23 May 2022), and to appoint Mr Ashutosh Jindal of India for a first term with the ABAF, as of the date of Mr Jindal’s appointment by the Council.

Subitem 11(b): Rules of Procedure of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters

11.2 A draft decision entitled “OPCW Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters – Rules of Procedure”, co-sponsored by Bulgaria, Canada, the Czech Republic, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America (EC-92/DEC/CRP.1/Rev.1, dated 4 October 2019), was submitted to the Council for consideration and adoption.

11.3 Following the circulation of EC-92/DEC/CRP.1/Rev.1, the delegation of the Russian Federation submitted amendments to that draft decision (EC-92/DEC/CRP.6, dated 4 October 2019).

- 11.4 Subsequently, the sponsoring delegations submitted a revision to the above-mentioned draft decision (EC-92/DEC/CRP.1/Rev.2, dated 10 October 2019).
- 11.5 The delegation of the Russian Federation withdrew its proposal through a note verbale dated 25 February 2020 and submitted new amendments on the matter (EC-93/DEC/CRP.2, dated 21 February 2020), together with an explanatory note to it (EC-93/NAT.3, dated 20 February 2020).
- 11.6 Subsequently, the sponsoring delegations submitted a revision to the above-mentioned draft decision (EC-92/DEC/CRP.1/Rev.3, dated 1 October 2020).
- 11.7 The delegation of the Russian Federation submitted new amendments to the above-mentioned draft decision and requested, through a note verbale dated 5 July 2021 (EC-97/NAT.5, dated 6 July 2021), the circulation of a document at the Ninety-Seventh Session of the Council.
- 11.8 Subsequently, the sponsoring delegations submitted a revision to the above-mentioned draft decision (EC-92/DEC/CRP.1/Rev.4, dated 21 June 2022).
- 11.9 The Council is **requested** to take appropriate action on the matter.

Subitem 11(c): Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters

- 11.10 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the report of the Fifty-Second Session of the ABAF, which took place from 7 to 9 June 2022 (ABAF-52/1, dated 9 June 2022), and a Note by the Director-General containing comments on the report of the ABAF at that session (EC-100/DG.19, dated 1 July 2022).

Subitem 11(d): Transfers of funds during 2021

- 11.11 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General on transfers of funds during 2021 (EC-100/DG.18 C-27/DG.3, dated 30 June 2022).

Subitem 11(e): Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system

- 11.12 Further to the decision by the Conference at its Nineteenth Session on the implementation of an enterprise resource planning (ERP) system and the establishment of a special fund for this purpose (C-19/DEC.7, dated 3 December 2014), the Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General reporting on the status of implementation of the ERP system (EC-100/DG.12, dated 17 June 2022).

Subitem 11(f): Composition of the Technical Secretariat

- 11.13 The Council is **requested** to note the Director-General's annual report on the composition of the Secretariat (EC-100/DG.16, dated 28 June 2022).

Subitem 11(g): Implementation of the tenure policy

- 11.14 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2021 (EC-100/DG.8, dated 2 June 2022).

12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – Update of the Working Group on the Manner of Appointment of the External Auditor

12.1 Further to a decision by the Conference at its Twenty-Fifth Session (C-25/DEC.10, dated 21 April 2021), the Council at its Ninety-Seventh Session established the Working Group on the Manner of Appointment of the External Auditor.

12.2 The Chairperson of the Working Group, Ambassador Jorge Skinner-Klée Arenales of Guatemala, provided the Council with an update on its activities (EC-100/WP.1, dated 21 June 2022).

13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference

At its Seventy-Third Session (paragraph 13.1 of EC-73/6, dated 19 July 2013), the Council requested the Director-General to submit to each regular session of the Council the updated version of the “Matrix of Actionable Items Identified at the Third Review Conference”. The Council is **requested** to consider and note the updated Matrix document (EC-100/S/3, dated 14 June 2022).

14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Credentials of representatives of the members of the Executive Council

The Council is **requested** to consider and approve a report by the Director-General on the credentials of representatives of members of the Council, which covers the credentials of the newly elected members of the Council (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

15. AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – Provisional agenda for the Twenty-Seventh Session of the Conference of the States Parties

The Council is **requested** to draw up the provisional agenda for the Twenty-Seventh Session of the Conference (EC-100/DG.7, dated 1 June 2022).

16. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Dates for the regular sessions of the Executive Council in 2023

The Council is **requested** to consider dates for its regular sessions in 2023.

17. AGENDA ITEM SEVENTEEN – Update by the Chairperson of the Open-Ended Working Group for the Preparation of the Fifth Review Conference

17.1 The Council at its Ninety-Ninth Session established the Open-Ended Working Group for the Preparation of the Fifth Review Conference, which will be convened in accordance with paragraph 22 of Article VIII of the Convention (paragraph 16.2 of EC-99/2, dated 10 March 2022). The Council also established the Bureau of the Open-Ended Working Group.

17.2 The Chairperson of the Bureau of the Open-Ended Working Group for the Preparation of the Fifth Review Conference, Ambassador Lauri Kuusing of Estonia, is expected to brief the Council on its activities.

18. AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN – Report by the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

18.1 The Chairperson is expected to report to the Council on the status of the work of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

18.2 The Council is **requested** to consider the “Report of the Nineteenth Meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, Record of Discussions Held on 7 April 2022” (EC-100/HCC/1 C-27/HCC/1, dated 13 May 2022).

19. AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN – Any other business

19.1 A draft decision entitled “Allowing the Convening of Executive Council Meetings or Sessions in Extraordinary Circumstances”, co-sponsored by Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Lithuania, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, and Slovakia was circulated to the Council at its Ninety-Eighth Session under the symbol EC-98/DEC/CRP.7 (dated 28 September 2021). An explanatory memorandum to this draft decision was also circulated by Germany to the Council at the same session (EC-98/NAT.6, dated 28 September 2021).

19.2 In accordance with Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, the Secretariat circulated a report by the Director-General on the financial, administrative, and programme and budget implications of the proposal (EC-98/DG.29, dated 1 October 2021).

19.3 A revision to the above-mentioned draft decision was issued under the symbol of EC-98/DEC/CRP.7/Rev.1 (dated 28 February 2022), co-sponsored by Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Germany, Iraq, Ireland, Japan, Lithuania, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Saudi Arabia, and Slovakia.

19.4 The Council at its previous session decided to defer the matter until its next regular session.

19.5 A subsequent revision to the above-mentioned draft decision has been issued under the symbol EC-98/DEC/CRP.7/Rev.2 (dated 29 June 2022), co-sponsored by Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Iraq, Ireland, Japan, Lithuania, Mexico, the Philippines, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Saudi Arabia, and Slovakia.

19.6 The Council is **requested** to take appropriate action on the manner.

20. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY – Adoption of the report

21. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-ONE – Closure