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UPDATED MATRIX OF ACTIONABLE ITEMS
IDENTIFIED AT THE THIRD REVIEW CONFERENCE

Following the request by the Seventy-Third Session of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) (paragraph 13.1 of EC-73/6, dated 19 July 2013), the Director-General hereby submits the updated matrix document based on the report of the Third Review Conference¹ (RC-3/3*, dated 19 April 2013). The cut-off date for this document was 8 August 2022. In line with the decision of the Council at its Ninety-First Session, the last full version of the matrix document was issued before the Ninety-Second Session of the Council (EC-92/S/5, dated 25 September 2019).

Annex (English only): Matrix of Actionable Items Identified at the Third Review Conference

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



Annex

MATRIX OF ACTIONABLE ITEMS IDENTIFIED AT THE THIRD REVIEW CONFERENCE

RC-3/3* Ref.	Task	Cluster²/ Facilitation	Follow-Up/Updates	History of Recommendations³
9.17	Intention to keep [...] declarations [mentioned in paras. 9.3 to 9.16] under review at each regular session of the Conference of the States Parties	n/a	Council and Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”) to review; States Parties to take action as required; Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) to take action as required; S/2065/2022, dated 13 June 2022; S/2076/2022, dated 6 July 2022; S/2081/2022, dated 21 July 2022.	
Part A: Political Declaration				
Part B: Review of the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention as Provided for in Paragraph 22 of Article VIII, Taking into Account Any Relevant Scientific and Technological Developments				
General Obligations and Declarations Related Thereto				
9.44(b)	Requested the Secretariat to deploy continued efforts in support of those States Parties and to keep the Council informed of progress in the preparation and submission of initial declarations	Cluster I	Secretariat to continue to take action; EC-100/HP/DG.1, dated 29 June 2022	Para. 9.23 of RC-2/4, dated 18 April 2008

² Cluster I: Chemical Weapons Issues; Cluster II: Chemical Industry and Other Article VI Issues; Cluster III: Administrative and Financial Issues; Cluster IV: Legal, Organisational, and Other Issues.

³ The reference to “Regular and Outstanding Issues on the Agenda of the Executive Council” EC-101/INF.1, dated 12 September 2022, is included if the issue is already on the agenda of the Council.

RC-3/3* Ref.	Task	Cluster ² / Facilitation	Follow-Up/Updates	History of Recommendations ³
Destruction of Chemical Weapons, Including Implementation of the Conference of the States Parties and Executive Council Decisions on Destruction-Related Issues				
9.62(b)	Requested the Conference and the Council to continue to keep under review and oversee the completion of destruction of chemical weapons stockpiles and, in this regard, underlined the importance of continuing to receive the Director-General's confirmation that the necessary measures are being undertaken by the possessor States concerned to meet the planned completion dates for their destruction activities	Cluster I	Conference and Council to continue to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action; EC-100/DG.6, dated 24 May 2022; EC-100/DG.14, dated 23 June 2022; EC-101/DG.2, dated 22 July 2022.	C-16/DEC.11, dated 1 December 2011; EC-M-33/DEC.1, dated 27 September 2013; EC-M-34/DEC.1, dated 15 November 2013; EC-M-42/DEC.1, dated 17 June 2014; EC-M-51/DEC.1, dated 24 February 2016; EC-M-52/DEC.1, dated 20 July 2016; EC-M-52/DEC.2, dated 27 July 2016; EC-M-53/DEC.1, dated 26 August 2016; EC-M-53/DEC.2, dated 26 August 2016; EC-84/DEC.2, dated 8 March 2017
9.62(c)	Encouraged the Director-General to continue consulting with the possessor States concerned in order to continue improving the reporting that is required from the States Parties concerned [...] and requested that future reporting by the possessor States concerned, on the basis of C-16/DEC.11, continue to contain information on the progress achieved to meet the planned completion date by which the destruction of the remaining chemical weapons is to be completed	Cluster I	Secretariat to continue to take action; possessor States Parties to continue to take action; EC-100/P/NAT.3, dated 16 May 2022; EC-100/P/NAT.4, dated 15 June 2022; EC-101/P/NAT.1, dated 18 July 2022.	C-16/DEC.11

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9.62(d)	Requested the Director-General to continue to provide a written report to the Council and the Conference as per their relevant decisions	Cluster I	Secretariat to continue to take action; EC-100/DG.6; EC-100/DG.14; EC-101/DG.2	C-16/DEC.11; EC-M-33/DEC.1; EC-M-34/DEC.1; EC-84/DEC.2
9.62(f)	Urged the relevant States Parties to continue to make the fullest possible efforts to complete destruction of abandoned chemical weapons as soon as possible in accordance with the Council decision (EC-67/DEC.6) and encouraged continued cooperation between relevant States Parties to that effect	Cluster I	Relevant States Parties to continue to take action; EC-100/NAT.4, dated 20 June 2022; EC-100/NAT.3, dated 17 June 2022.	Para. 9.37 of RC-2/4; Section I.2 of Annex I of EC-101/INF.1; EC-67/DEC.6, dated 15 February 2012
Verification Activities of the OPCW				
9.79(b)	Encouraged States Parties' National Authorities in a position to do so, to submit declarations in an electronic form, and further requested the Secretariat to continue providing States Parties with appropriate training and assistance	Clusters II and IV (Industry Cluster and Article VII facilitations)	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action; Secretariat activities: Over the reporting period, the four regional meetings of National Authorities provided representatives with an opportunity to meet and discuss issues, challenges, and priorities relating to the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter "the Convention"). National Authorities exchanged views on verification challenges, issues relating to technical assistance, and capacity-building opportunities. The meeting also provided representatives with an opportunity to engage with the Secretariat on the use of electronic declaration tools.	Paras. 9.46 and 9.67(b) of RC-2/4; EC-101/INF.1, Sections II.5 of Annex 2 and IV.3 of Annex I
9.79(d)	Encouraged the Secretariat to maintain and further develop, update, and improve its practices in regard to its capability to perform sampling and analysis under the different scenarios envisaged in the Convention [...] and in this context to maintain its efforts to keep updated the OPCW Central Analytical Database and to continue to submit proposed updates in this regard to the Council for its approval	Cluster IV	Secretariat to continue to take action; The Secretariat issued a Note entitled "Release of the OPCW Central Analytical Database on DVD and USB Flash Drive" (S/2060/2022, dated 20 May 2022). The Database has been updated with data on scheduled chemicals—including the newly added scheduled chemicals adopted by the Conference at its Twenty-Fourth Session through decisions C-24/DEC.4 and C-24/DEC.5 (both dated 27 November 2019)—and	Paras. 9.49 and 9.67(c) of RC-2/4

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9.79(e)	Encouraged the Secretariat through the National Authorities to continue to strengthen relations with respective national chemical industry. The Secretariat is also encouraged to strengthen its relationship with regional and international chemical industry associations	Clusters II and IV (Industry Cluster and Article XI facilitations)	<p>was approved by the Council at its Ninety-Ninth Session (EC-99/DEC.1, dated 8 March 2022).</p> <p>Secretariat to continue to take action (provision of additional resources to be considered); States Parties to take action;</p> <p>Secretariat activities: On 24 May 2022, an informal meeting with the International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) and the International Chemical Trade Association (ICTA) was held remotely to explore future cooperation opportunities. In particular, the chemical safety and security programme in Africa and the Responsible Care[®] workshop were identified among the capacity-building programmes where future cooperation could be possible.</p>	Subpara. 9.116(h) of RC-2/4; EC-101/INF.1, section IV.1 of Annex 1
9.79(f)	Encouraged the Director-General to continue to render specialised advice to the policy-making organs and States Parties in the areas of science and technology relevant to the Convention on the basis of advice from the SAB [...]	Clusters I and II (chemical weapons and Industry Cluster facilitation)	<p>Secretariat to continue to take action;</p> <p>The Thirty-Fifth Session of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) was held in June 2022. The SAB held a workshop on artificial intelligence in chemistry on 16 and 17 June in partnership with the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC). The SAB held a workshop on emerging technologies in chemical industry on 20 and 21 June in partnership with chemical industry stakeholders. The SAB Temporary Working Group (TWG) on the analysis of biotoxins held its fifth meeting in June.</p>	Subpara. 21(h) of Article VIII of the Convention; EC-101/INF.1, Section II.1(ii) of Annex 2
Activities Not Prohibited Under the Chemical Weapons Convention				
9.81	[...] called for the adequate funding for the OPCW's verification activities under Article VI, through the regular budget and voluntary funding	Cluster III (budget facilitation)	Conference and Council to take action; States Parties to take action; Secretariat to take action; S/2065/2022; S/2076/2022; S/2081/2022.	EC-101/INF.1, Section III.1 of Annex 1

RC-3/3* Ref.	Task	Cluster²/ Facilitation	Follow-Up/Updates	History of Recommendations³
9.93	[...] encouraged the cluster on chemical-industry and other Article VI issues to consult on the ways to reconcile such discrepancies	Cluster II (Industry Cluster facilitation)	<p>Council to take action; facilitation to be determined; States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist; Secretariat activities:</p> <p>The 2021 Verification Implementation Report (VIR) (EC-101/HP/DG.1 dated 27 July 2022) contains information on the status of transfer discrepancies in the Annual Declarations on Past Activities for 2020 (Part I) and 2021 (Part II). Issues relating to the timely submission of Article VI declarations and resolving transfer discrepancies were discussed during the four regional meetings of National Authorities, along with possible approaches to overcoming the identified challenges. In addition, a training course for customs officers on the transfers regime of the Convention was held online in May 2022 in cooperation with the World Customs Organization. The goal of this course was to equip frontline customs officers with the skills and knowledge required to effectively monitor the cross-border movement of toxic chemicals. The training course underscored the role of the Convention in supporting global, regional, and national security. A total of 58 participants attended the course.</p>	Para. 9.71 of RC2/4; EC-97/INF.2, dated 18 June 2021, Section II.2(ii) of Annex 2
9.95(b)	Called upon States Parties that have not yet implemented the decision on guidelines regarding low-concentration limits for declarations of Schedule 2A and 2A* chemicals to take necessary measures to expedite its implementation	Cluster II (Industry Cluster facilitation)	<p>States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist;</p> <p>The twelfth survey related to decision C-14/DEC.4, dated 2 December 2009, was conducted in 2022 (S/2085/2022, dated 28 July 2022). Since the first survey, 63 States Parties have informed the Secretariat on the status of implementation of the decision. A total of 45 States Parties have implemented the decision, 18 States Parties have not implemented the decision, and 130 States Parties have not informed the Secretariat of their status of implementation of this decision.</p>	C-14/DEC.4; EC-101/INF.1, Section II.2 of Annex 2

RC-3/3* Ref.	Task	Cluster²/ Facilitation	Follow-Up/Updates	History of Recommendations³
9.95(c)	Urged States Parties to ensure that declarations are submitted in a timely, complete, and accurate manner, consistent with the provisions of the Convention, making use of the Secretariat's resources, as appropriate	Clusters II and IV (Industry Cluster and Article VII facilitations)	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist; Secretariat activities: EC-100/DG.11, dated 16 June 2022.	EC-101/INF.1, Sections II.5 of Annex 2 and IV.3 of Annex 1
9.95(e)	Encouraged the Secretariat to continue to develop and periodically update existing databases on declarable chemicals, which facilitate the identification of such chemicals	Cluster II	Secretariat to continue to take action (provision of additional resources to be considered); As at 30 June 2022, a revised and updated Online Scheduled Chemicals Database was made available to States Parties on the OPCW website. Over 18,000 chemicals have been reviewed. Work on this project continues. In its second part, Schedule 2B04 chemicals still require review. The Handbook on Chemicals was fully reviewed and updated in the first six months of 2022.	Para 9.61 of RC-2/4
9.95(g)	Called upon States Parties and the Secretariat to continue working to identify the causes of discrepancies related to Article VI declarations, such as those relating to aggregate national data for Schedule 2 and 3 transfers, as well as OCPF ⁴ declarations, and recommend possible solutions and alternatives to the policy-making organs	Cluster II (Industry Cluster facilitation)	States Parties to continue to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action; As reported in 9.93, the 2021 VIR (EC-101/HP/DG.1) contains information on the status of transfer discrepancies in Annual Declarations on Past Activities for 2020 (Part I) and for 2021 (Part II). Transfer discrepancies were also presented and discussed at 2022 regional meetings.	Para. 9.71 of RC-2/4; EC-97/INF.2, Section II.2(ii) of Annex 2
9.95(i)	Called upon States Parties to continue to use the cluster established by the Council on chemical industry and other Article VI issues and to develop ways to improve the implementation of the industry verification regime	Cluster II (Industry Cluster facilitation)	States Parties to continue to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist; A hybrid meeting of the Industry Cluster and other Article VI issues was held in July 2022.	EC-101/INF.1, Sections II of Annex 1 and II of Annex 2
National Implementation Measures				
9.97	[...] called for the adequate funding for the OPCW's national implementation programmes, through the regular budget and voluntary funding	Cluster III (budget facilitation)	Conference and Council to take action; States Parties to take action; Secretariat to take action; S/2065/2022; S/2076/2022; S/2081/2022.	EC-101/INF.1, Section III.1 of Annex 1

⁴ OCPF = other chemical production facility.

RC-3/3* Ref.	Task	Cluster²/ Facilitation	Follow-Up/Updates	History of Recommendations³
9.103(c)	Encouraged the Secretariat to explore innovative methods of providing assistance on tailor-made approaches as a potential means to further advance the implementation of Article VII	Cluster IV (Article VII facilitation)	Secretariat to take action; Secretariat activities: National legislative review forums were held online with the National Authorities of Malawi in May 2022 and with Niger in July 2022, respectively. Participants were provided with a range of online preparatory materials prior to a live session with the Secretariat. The forums enabled the review of the scope of Malawi's and Niger's national legislative framework on the Convention and discussed legislative and regulatory approaches to Convention implementation. Eight participants attended the forum held in May and three participants attended the forum in July.	C-14/DEC.12, dated 4 December 2009; EC-101/INF.1, Section IV.3 of Annex 1
9.103(e)	Encouraged the Secretariat, in concert with the SAB temporary working group on education and outreach, to assist States Parties, upon request, in implementing education and outreach activities, including by disseminating materials, and conducting workshops and regional meetings	Cluster IV (Article VII facilitation)	Secretariat to take action; The Thirteenth Session of the Advisory Board on Education and Outreach (ABEO) was held from 19 to 21 July 2022 in The Hague. The report is currently being finalised.	EC-101/INF.1, Section IV.3 of Annex 1
9.111(c)	Requested the Secretariat to keep the Council informed about its readiness and to report any problems that may arise in relation to maintaining the necessary level of readiness to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use	Cluster IV	Secretariat to continue to take action; EC-100/DG.10, dated 16 June 2022.	Para 9.90 of RC-2/4
Consultations, Cooperation, and Fact-Finding				
Assistance and Protection Against Chemical Weapons				
9.118(t)	Encouraged States Parties to facilitate and make materials and equipment-related assistance available to other States Parties to assist and support the victims of chemical weapons, without undue restrictions	Cluster I (Article X facilitation)	States Parties to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist; EC-100/S/2, dated 9 June 2022.	EC-101/INF.1, Section I.4 of Annex 1

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9.122	While noting States Parties' scientific and technological cooperation in the peaceful uses of chemistry on a non-discriminatory basis, the Third Review Conference called upon all States Parties to facilitate and enhance such cooperation	Economic and Technological Development Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	States Parties to take action; Secretariat activities: Four international events were sponsored over the reporting period: the International Conference on Applied Chemistry and Biotechnology (ICACB-2022) in Amman, Jordan, from 10 to 12 May 2022; The Fifty-Sixth Course of the International School of Crystallography, entitled "Crystallography under extreme conditions: the future is bright and very compressed" in Erice, Italy, from 4 to 10 June 2022; the Fourteenth Green Chemistry Postgraduate Summer School, online and in-person, Venice, Italy, from 3 to 8 July 2022; and the Virtual Conference on Chemistry and its Applications, in Reduit, Mauritius, from 8 to 12 August 2022. In total, 215 participants were sponsored (180 online and 35 in person). Sponsorship also covered some of the administrative costs related to publication for these four events.	Para. 9.118 of RC-2/4; EC-101/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1
9.131(c)	Encouraged the Council to continue the ongoing facilitation process in order to deliberate and explore, as appropriate, additional measures within an agreed framework to ensure the full, effective, and non-discriminatory implementation of all provisions of Article XI	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	Council to continue to take action; Secretariat to continue to assist; subitem 6(k) of EC-100/CRP.2, dated 7 July 2022.	Para. 9.114 of RC-2/4; EC-101/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1
9.131(d)	Requested the Secretariat to prepare and submit, on a regular basis, concrete programmes and actions relevant for States Parties related to the implementation of Article XI, as well as to report to the Conference on the progress made in the implementation of the decision on the components of an agreed framework for the full implementation of Article XI (C-16/DEC.10 ⁵)	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action; Para 5.2 of EC-99/2, dated 10 March 2022. Subitem 6(k) of EC-100/CRP.2.	EC-101/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1

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9.131(g)	Encouraged the Secretariat and States Parties to consider augmenting programmes to assist States Parties, upon request, in maintaining and developing their analytical skills and laboratory capabilities in support of National Authorities	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action; States Parties to take action; Secretariat activities: During the reporting period, the following events took place: the Sixth Edition of the Basic Analytical Chemistry Course for Women Chemists was held from 17 to 19 May 2022 in the OPCW Laboratory, Rijswijk; and two Analytical Skills Development Courses for African Member States from 23 May to 3 June 2022 and 30 May to 10 June 2022 in collaboration with Protechnik, South Africa, and VERIFIN Finland, respectively.	EC-101/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1
9.131(l)	Encouraged the Secretariat to continue to develop relations and partnerships as appropriate with relevant regional and international organisations, as well as chemical industry associations, the private sector, academia, and civil society, in order to raise awareness of the activities of the OPCW	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action through all Article XI programmes; Over the reporting period, the Secretariat, in cooperation with the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), initiated research to identify best practices in recruiting, training, and promoting women in chemical safety and security. The findings will be collated in a compendium with practical recommendations. A new partnership was established with UNICRI for the organisation of the next Symposium on Women in Chemistry, to be held in Italy in November 2022.	Subpara. 9.116(h) of RC-2/4; EC-101/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1
9.131(p)	Encouraged the Secretariat to expand the use of e-learning as one of the means for capacity-building and outreach activities	Cluster IV (Article XI facilitation)	Secretariat to continue to take action, with provision of additional resources to be considered; The second edition of the online safety training programme for the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC), organised in cooperation with the Chemical Industries Association of Uruguay was launched on 1 August 2022.	EC-101/INF.1, Section IV.1 of Annex 1

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9.131(q)	Undertake to review their existing national regulations in the field of trade in chemicals in order to render them consistent with the object and purpose of the Convention	Cluster IV (Article VII facilitation)	States Parties to take action; Secretariat activities: a regional workshop on best practices in the development of a legislative and regulatory framework on chemical security for States Parties in Asia was held in Bangkok, Thailand, in July 2022. The workshop provided a forum for sharing information on participating States Parties' legal and regulatory frameworks on chemical security, as well as discussing approaches in the development of chemical security measures. Participants were informed about existing national legal and regulatory frameworks on chemical security, methodologies for assessing risks and gaps in existing legal regimes, and ways of engaging different stakeholders. A total of 47 participants attended the course along with technical experts.	EC-101/INF.1, Section IV.3 of Annex 1
The General Functioning of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons				
9.138	[...] called for the adequate funding for the functioning of the Organisation, through the regular budget and voluntary funding	Cluster III (budget facilitation)	Conference and Council to take action; States Parties to take action; Secretariat to take action; S/2065/2022; S/2076/2022; S/2081/2022.	EC-101/INF.1, Section III.1 of Annex 1
9.146	[...] noted the relevance of the Council decision of 2001 (EC-XXVII/DEC.5, dated 7 December 2001) [...] further encouraged the OEWG to continue to fulfil its mandate	OEWG on Terrorism	Council to continue to take action; Secretariat to continue to take action; At the 100th Session of the Council, the Chairperson of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on Terrorism, Ambassador Philemon Madonsela of South Africa, briefed the Council on the work of the OEWG during the intersessional period (EC-100/WP.3, dated 6 July 2022).	EC-XXVII/DEC.5, dated 7 December 2001; para. 9.137 of RC-2/4; EC-101/INF.1, Annex 1
9.154	[...] urged continued consultations to make progress on outstanding issues related to the implementation of the Headquarters Agreement	Host Country Committee	Host Country Committee/Council to continue to take action; Secretariat to assist; EC-100/HCC/1 C-27/HCC/1, dated 13 May 2022.	Para. 9.148 of RC-2/4

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