Постоянное представительство Российской Федерации при Организации по запрещению химического оружия (далее — ОЗХО) свидетельствует свое уважение Техническому секретариату ОЗХО (далее — Секретариат) и, ссылаясь на ноту Постоянного представительства № 17 от 7 мая 2022 года, имеет честь привлечь внимание Секретариата к ложным сведениям, изложенным в ноте Постоянного представительства Украины при ОЗХО №61219/35-196/50-37431 от 31 мая 2022 года.

Министерство обороны Российской Федерации еще 6 мая 2022 года предупреждало о готовящейся украинскими националистами провокации на заводе «Азот» в городе Северодонецке Луганской Народной Республики путем минирования емкостей с опасными химическими веществами. Постоянное представительство своевременно информировало об этом Секретариат и государства-участники Конвенции о запрещении химического оружия (далее — Конвенция) вышеупомянутой нотой №17. В ней, в частности, сообщалось,
что украинские националисты заминировали емкости с химически веществами (аммиак, аммиачная селитра, азотная кислота) для их немедленного подрыва в случае вынужденного оставления своих позиций. Цель — обвинить российских военнослужащих в уничтожении мирных жителей и возникновении техногенной катастрофы. Реализация данного плана чревата химическим заражением воздуха, местности и водоисточников. При этом особую опасность представляет возможность попадания сильнодействующих ядовитых веществ в реку Северный Донец, которая является основной водной артерией и источником питьевой воды для Восточной Украины и республик Донбасса.

К сожалению, несмотря на предупреждения Российской стороны, украинские радикалы решились на такой акт отчаяния. В этой связи Следственный комитет Российской Федерации зафиксирует и проведет расследование факта подрыва цистерны с химикатами в городе Северодонецке.

Провокации украинских националистов с применением химического оружия против гражданского населения представляют непосредственную угрозу целям и принципам Конвенции.

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The Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) presents its compliments to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) and, referring to the Permanent Representation’s Note Verbale No. 17, dated 7 May 2022, has the honour of drawing the attention of the Secretariat to the false information provided in Note Verbale No. 61219/35-196/50-37431, dated 31 May 2022, from the Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the OPCW.

As early as on 6 May 2022, the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation warned about the provocation at the “Azot” plant in the city of Severodonetsk, in the People’s Republic of Lugansk, being prepared by Ukrainian nationalists planting bombs on containers holding hazardous chemicals. The Permanent Representation promptly made this information available to the Secretariat and States Parties to the Convention on Chemical Weapons (hereinafter “the Convention”), in the aforementioned Note Verbale No. 17. It read, inter alia, that Ukrainian nationalists had planted bombs on containers containing chemicals (ammonium, ammonium nitrate, nitric acid) in order to cause immediate explosion should they be forced to abandon their positions. The objective would be to accuse the Russian military of killing peaceful residents and triggering a man-made catastrophe. The implementation of this plan
would lead to the chemical contamination of the air, ground, and water sources. Furthermore, the possibility of highly active toxic chemicals contaminating the Seversky Donetsk river poses a particular danger; this river is a key waterway and a source of potable water for Eastern Ukraine and the republics of the Donbass.

Regrettably, despite the warnings by the Russian side, Ukrainian radicals went for this move of desperation. In this respect, the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation will take note of, and investigate, the act of detonating the containers holding chemicals in the city of Severodonetsk.

The provocations by Ukrainian nationalists using chemical weapons against the civil population constitute a direct threat to the purposes and principles of the Convention.

The Permanent Representation requests that this Note be distributed among all States Parties to the Convention and published on the OPCW website.

The Permanent Representation avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

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The Hague, 1 June 2022
Note No. 63/2022

Her Britannic Majesty's Permanent Representation to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) presents its compliments to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW (the Secretariat) and refers to the Russian Federation's Note Verbale No. 5, dated 10 March 2022; No. 6, dated 22 March 2022; No. 7, dated 30 March 2022; No. 9, dated 6 April 2022; No. 11, dated 7 April 2022; No. 14, dated 11 April 2022; No. 16, dated 25 April 2022; No. 17, dated 7 May 2022; No. 18, dated 12 May 2022; No. 19, dated 18 May 2022 and No 23 dated 30 May. The United Kingdom requests that this Note Verbale be circulated to all States Parties as soon as possible and made available on Catalyst and the OPCW website.

The United Kingdom condemns the Russian Federation's military assault on Ukraine, which is an egregious violation of international law and the UN Charter. Russian military airstrikes on Ukraine's chemical industry facilities are deeply irresponsible.

The series of allegations from the Russian Federation about chemical weapons 'provocations' being prepared in Ukraine are without basis. Wild accusations, made in order to distract from its own behaviour, are an established feature of Russian disinformation. Russia bears sole responsibility for its attack on Ukraine, a sovereign democratic state.

The Russian Federation has never previously raised concerns in the OPCW about chemical weapons related activities in Ukraine. Now, three months on from its illegal invasion, it appears the Russian Federation is hastily retrofitting a justification for its actions.

Suggestions that the United Kingdom or other states are supporting Ukrainian 'chemical provocations' are baseless. The United Kingdom, Ukraine and the vast
The majority of States around the world oppose the use of chemical weapons in all circumstances.

The Russian Federation, in contrast, has shown that it is prepared to flout the core tenets of the Chemical Weapons Convention, whether in relation to its own actions or those of its allies in the Syrian Arab Republic. It is worth noting just how many cases of chemical weapons use in recent years have had some connection to the Russian Federation.

The latest Russian disinformation campaign reflects similar tactics used to try and cover up chemical weapons use by the Asad regime in Syria. Independent, impartial international investigations have now confirmed eight separate uses of chemical weapons by the Asad regime. The Russian Federation has denied each one and abused its position on the UN Security Council to shield the Asad regime from accountability.

Russian state agents were responsible for the use of a chemical weapon in Salisbury in 2018, as well as the attempted poisoning of Alexey Navalny in Russia in 2020. In both cases the OPCW Technical Secretariat confirmed the use of a nerve agent from the Novichok group. This category of nerve agent was developed in the former Soviet Union as part of a programme maintained by the Russian Federation.

It is possible that the recent succession of unfounded Russian allegations about Ukraine is a prelude to the use of chemical weapons by the Russian Federation. It is deeply concerning that on 11 April, a proxy for the Russian Federation in occupied areas of Ukraine, Eduard Basurin, called for chemical weapons to be used to 'smoke out' Ukrainian forces defending Mariupol.

Any use of chemical weapons in Ukraine by the Russian Federation would be a violation of the Chemical Weapons Convention. Such a step would be completely unacceptable and would have severe consequences.
Her Britannic Majesty's Permanent Representation to the OPCW avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW the assurance of its highest consideration.

British Embassy
The Hague
1 June 2022

Having made little progress on the battlefield, on the 31 of May at 06:45 pm the Russian military targeted the large-scale chemical industry complex “Azot” in order to create chemical pollution. The Russian military’s strikes in this area, including blind aerial bombing, are just madness.
As a result of the airstrikes a railway tank containing nitric acid was damaged. A huge cloud of toxic chemicals was released and moved across the city. The weather conditions as of 07:00 pm on 31 of May 2022 were: air temperature: 28°C, soil temperature: 27 °C, wind speed: 3 m/s, clear, southwest wind.

According to preliminary calculations a full tank of nitric acid (54.5 m³) could cause a leak of chemicals up to 2 km in height and distributed over 5 km², with an evaporation time of up to 2 days.

Because of the constant Russian bombardment of the Severodonetsk and street fights in the city Ukrainian Authorities are making every effort to mitigate the possible threat to the civilian population. No casualties have yet been reported.

We urge the OPCW and the States Parties to continue closely monitor all possible violations of the CWC by the Kremlin regime in Ukraine.

Russia is an aggressor State. Ukraine is a strong supporter of the Convention and remains deeply concerned about the use of chemical weapons by the Russian Federation on our territory. We are acting in strict compliance with relevant provisions of the CWC.

The Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the OPCW avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 31 May 2022

Министерство обороны Российской Федерации в ходе брифинга 21 мая 2022 года проинформировало о том, что в районе города Одессы на «Одесском припортовом заводе»
находились хранилища с топливом, предназначенным для бронетехники украинских националистов. 20 мая 2022 года высокоточными ракетами ВКС России были уничтожены исключительно упомянутые хранилища с топливом. Информация Министерства обороны России была подтверждена украинской стороной, в частности, Оперативным командованием Юг ВСУ, которое сообщило 21 мая 2022 года об отсутствии в результате ракетного удара пострадавших и угрозы здоровью мирного населения и окружающей среде.

Учитывая намерения киевских властей спровоцировать химический инцидент и возложить вину на нашу страну за использование ОМУ, Российская Федерация прилагает всяческие усилия по недопущению такого рода акций и защите химических предприятий, расположенных на украинской территории. Минобороны России неоднократно отмечало многочисленные вопиющие факты использования киевскими властями объектов гражданской инфраструктуры в военных целях.

Нота украинской стороны является частью агрессивной кампании дезинформации и пропаганды с целью голословного обвинения нашей страны в нарушении своих обязательств по КЗХО и создания информационного фона для сокрытия свидетельств продолжающейся деструктивной политики киевского режима в отношении собственных граждан.

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Постоянное представительство пользуется случаем, чтобы возобновить Секретариату уверения в своем весьма высоком уважении.

Гаага, «31» мая 2022 года
The Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) presents its compliments to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) and, in addition to the Permanent Representation’s Notes Verbales No. 5, dated 10 March 2022, No. 6, dated 22 March 2022, No. 7, dated 30 March 2022, No. 9, dated 6 April 2022, No. 11, dated 7 April 2022, No. 14, dated 11 April 2022, No. 16, dated 25 April 2022, No. 17, dated 7 May 2022, No. 18, dated 12 May 2022, No. 19, dated 18 May 2022, and No. 23, dated 30 May 2022, has the honour of drawing the attention of the Secretariat to the false information provided in Note Verbale No. 61219/35-196/50-34885, dated 24 May 2022, from the Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the OPCW.

At the briefing on 21 May 2022, the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation stated that, at the Odessa Port Plant located near the city of Odessa, there were storage sites holding fuel for the armoured vehicles of Ukrainian nationalists. On 20 May 2022, high-precision missiles of the Russian Aerospace Forces destroyed only the aforementioned fuel storage sites. The information of the Russian Ministry of Defence was confirmed by the Ukrainian side, particularly by the Operational Command South of the Ukrainian Armed Forces that
stated on 21 May 2022 that there had been no casualties or threat to the health of civilians or to the environment as a result of the missile strike.

Considering the intent of Kiev authorities to provoke a chemical incident and cast the blame for using WMD on our country, the Russian Federation makes every effort to prevent any such actions and to protect chemical enterprises located on Ukrainian territory. The Russian Ministry of Defence has repeatedly noted the many blatant facts concerning the Kiev authorities having used civil infrastructure for military purposes.

The Note by the Ukrainian side is part of an aggressive disinformation and propaganda campaign aimed at baselessly accusing our country of violating its obligations under the Convention, and creating a media coverage to conceal the evidence of the continuing destructive policy of the Kiev regime towards its citizens.

The Permanent Representation requests that this Note be distributed among all States Parties to the Convention and published on the OPCW website.

The Permanent Representation avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

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The Hague, 31 May 2022

As a result of this targeted shelling the tightness of the branch of the ammonia pipeline was damaged (approximately 200 mm of diameter) and there was a leak of ammonia (no pressure in the pipeline). A toxic cloud moved over the ground (southeast wind 3-4 m/s, no precipitation) from the village of Travneve towards Bakhmut (16 km), Odradivka (12 km), Gladosove (2 km), Opytne (16 km), Dacha (5 km) and Mykolayivka Druha (10 km).
The local authorities and the State Emergency Service of Ukraine swiftly alerted the civilian population of the whole region to the possible threats and how to protect themselves. No casualties were reported.

We urge the OPCW and the State Parties to continue to closely monitor all actions by Russia inside Ukraine sovereign territory which could violate the CWC.

The Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the OPCW avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 30 May 2022

По данным, представленным пленными украинскими военнослужащими, боевики националистических батальонов осуществляют подготовку очередной провокации с применением отравляющих веществ. Планируется обстрел приграничной территории Российской Федерации из жилого

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г. Гаага
района города Сумы с тем, чтобы спровоцировать российские подразделения на ответный удар, после чего взорвать емкости с химически опасными веществами. Если раньше в ходе подготовки диверсий с применением токсичных химикатов украинские власти выводили мирное население из районов планируемого заряжения, то теперь для получения «максимального резонанса» эвакуация гражданских лиц не проводится.

Для фото- и видеосъемки в городе Сумы находятся журналисты иностранных информационных агентств. Российская сторона заранее предупреждает Секретариат, а также все государства-участники Конвенции о запрещении химического оружия (далее – КЗХО), что после осуществления указанных и других подобных провокаций украинские власти планируют распространить обвинения в адрес Российской Федерации через западные средства массовой информации, различные Интернет-ресурсы и медиа-платформы.

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According to information provided by Ukrainian prisoners of war, fighters of nationalist battalions are preparing another provocation involving toxic substances. There are plans to shell the border territory of the Russian Federation from the residential...
area of the city of Sumy in order to provoke Russian units to launch a counter strike, and subsequently detonate containers holding hazardous chemical substances. In contrast to previous preparations for provocations involving toxic chemicals, where the Ukrainian authorities would evacuate civilians from areas of planned contamination, this time civilians are not being evacuated in order to attract “maximum attention”.

There are journalists from foreign media outlets in Sumy, prepared to take photos and record video. The Russian side is forewarning the Secretariat, as well as all States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) that once this and other similar provocations have been carried out, the Ukrainian authorities intend to place the blame on the Russian Federation through Western media outlets and various Internet resources and media platforms.

The Permanent Representation requests that this Note be distributed among all States Parties to the Convention and published on the OPCW website.

The Permanent Representation avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 30 May 2022

The Russian Federation is now conducting a blatant disinformation campaign targeting States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention to spread completely false information about Ukraine.

Having no obvious success on the battlefield and with clear evidence showing that Russia is shelling civilian and industrial infrastructure, Russia is now trying to justify its actions. Meanwhile, Russia’s military aggression is causing daily losses among the civilian population.
The Kremlin regime has given the order to conquer the territory and destroy the free people of Ukraine at any cost.

Most recently, Russia's armed aggression included the shelling of the JSC Odessa port plant on May 20, 2022, one of the largest industrial enterprises in Ukraine for the production of mineral fertilizers. With the involvement of 75 specialists and 20 units of special equipment, the fire at the facility (300 sq.m.) was brought under control by the Ukraine authorities. Russia's reckless attacks could easily cause very serious chemical leaks and more casualties.

We emphasize that Ukraine is a strong supporter of the Convention and rejects absolutely all assertions to the contrary by the Russian Federation. Russia is the aggressor state. The false allegations made by Russia are intended to cover up their own provocations, including the possible use of chemical weapons against Ukrainian people.

We urge the OPCW and the State Parties to continue to closely monitor all violations of the CWC by Russia in Ukraine.

The Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the OPCW avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 24 May 2022

Службой безопасности Украины и националистами 16 мая 2022 года в 13:35 на ферме, расположенной в полутора километрах северо-западнее населенного пункта Мазановка был произведен подрыв заблаговременно заложенного фугасного боеприпаса, усиленного накладкой до одной тонны

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аммиачной селитры. В результате взрыва образовалось ядовитое облако высотой около одного километра, которое сместилось в сторону населенного пункта Краматорск. Целью этой провокации является обвинение российской армии в применении химического оружия. Следственный комитет Российской Федерации в рамках расследуемых уголовных дел намерен установить обстоятельства провокации украинских националистов.

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Гаага, « 18 » мая 2022 года
The Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) presents its compliments to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) and, in addition to the Permanent Representation’s Notes Verbales No. 5, dated 10 March 2022, No. 6, dated 22 March 2022, No. 7, dated 30 March 2022, No. 9, dated 6 April 2022, No. 11, dated 7 April 2022, No. 14, dated 11 April 2022, No. 16, dated 25 April 2022, No. 17, dated 7 May 2022, and No. 18, dated 12 May 2022, has the honour of informing the Secretariat of the following information submitted by the Defence Ministry of the Russian Federation.

On 16 May 2022 at 13:35 on a farm, located one-and-a-half kilometres to the northwest of the town of Mazanovka, the Ukrainian Security Service and nationalists carried out the explosive destruction of a pre-planted high-explosive round that was amplified with an overlay of up to one tonne of ammonium nitrate.
A toxic cloud formed after the explosion, reaching roughly one kilometre high, and moved towards the town of Kramatorsk. The goal of this provocation is to accuse the Russian army of using chemical weapons. The Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation, within the framework of criminal cases under investigation, intends to establish the circumstances of the provocations of Ukrainian nationalists.

The Permanent Representation requests that this Note be distributed among all States Parties to the Convention and published on the OPCW website.

The Permanent Representation avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 18 May 2022
Постоянное представительство Российской Федерации при Организации по запрещению химического оружия (далее — ОЗХО) свидетельствует свое уважение Техническому секретариату ОЗХО (далее — Секретариат) и в дополнение к нотам Постоянного представительства № 5 от 10 марта 2022 года, № 6, от 22 марта 2022 года, № 7 от 30 марта 2022 года, № 9 от 6 апреля 2022 года, № 11 от 7 апреля 2022 года, № 14 от 11 апреля 2022 года, № 16 от 25 апреля 2022 года и № 17 от 7 мая 2022 года имеет честь довести до сведения Секретариата следующую информацию, предоставленную Министерством обороны Российской Федерации.

Службой безопасности Украины и националистами 11 мая 2022 года в районе населенного пункта Долгенькое Харьковской области осуществлён подрыв цистерны с удобрениями, предположительно аммиачной селитрой, в результате чего образовалось облако оранжевого дыма, которое
через некоторое время рассеялось. Пострадавших в результате данной акции среди военнослужащих и мирного населения нет. Целью этой провокации является обвинение российской армии в применении химического оружия.

Российская сторона неоднократно предупреждала о готовящихся националистами подобных провокациях, одной из основных задач которых является получение Украиной дополнительной военной помощи у стран Запада.

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Гаага, 4 мая 2022 года
The Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) presents its compliments to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) and, in addition to the Permanent Representation’s Notes Verbales No. 5, dated 10 March 2022, No. 6, dated 22 March 2022, No. 7, dated 30 March 2022, No. 9, dated 6 April 2022, No. 11, dated 7 April 2022, No. 14, dated 11 April 2022, No. 16, dated 25 April 2022, and No. 17, dated 7 May 2022, has the honour of informing the Secretariat of the following information submitted by the Defence Ministry of the Russian Federation.

On 11 May 2022 near the town of Dolgenkoye in the Kharkhov Region, the Ukrainian Security Service and nationalists carried out the explosive destruction of containers holding fertilizers, presumably ammonium nitrate, resulting in the formation of a cloud of orange smoke,
dissipated after some time. There were no casualties among the military or the civilian population. The goal of this provocation is to accuse the Russian Army of using chemical weapons.

The Russian side has repeatedly warned of nationalists preparing similar provocations, one of the goals of which is to secure additional military assistance for Ukraine from Western countries.

The Permanent Representation requests that this Note be distributed among all States Parties to the Convention and published on the OPCW website.

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The Hague, 12 May 2022
The Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) presents its compliments to the Technical Secretariat and has the honour to refer to Note Verbale dated 27 February 2022 № 61219/30-196/50-3, Note Verbale dated 11 March № 61219/35-196/50-18783, Note Verbale dated on 18 March 2022 № 61219/35-196/50-20231, Note Verbale dated 20 March № 61219/30-196/50-20583, Note Verbale dated 22 March № 61219/30-196/50-21493, Note Verbale dated 07 April № 61219/30-196/50-24179, Note Verbale dated 12 April № 61219/30-196/50-25231, Note Verbale dated 25 April № 61219/30-196/50-28451 and Note Verbale dated 09 May № 61219/30-196/50-60 informs the OPCW that according to the information from the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine there are significant grounds to believe that Russian troops have used chemical weapons against units of Armed Forces of Ukraine on May 1, 2022 near the city of Mykolaiv, on May 7, 2022 near the settlement of Dovhenke and on May 11, 2022 near the city of Izyum.

Spread of a chemical substance caused the following symptoms among Ukrainian military: nausea, vomiting without relief, suffocation, consciousness loss, ascending convulsions and weakness. According to the official medical reports 5 people are affected by an unknown poisonous substance.
Ukrainian side is gathering facts and important evidence of the possible use of chemical weapons. The Technical Secretariat will be informed about the progress of the investigation in due course.

We urge the OPCW and the State Parties to continue closely monitor all violations of the CWC by Russia in Ukraine.

The Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the OPCW avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, May 2022
The Permanent Representation of Ukraine

to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) presents its compliments to the Technical Secretariat and has the honour to refer to Note Verbale dated 27 February 2022 № 61219/30-196/50-3, Note Verbale dated 11 March № 61219/35-196/50-18783, Note Verbale dated on 18 March 2022 № 61219/35-196/50-20231, Note Verbale dated 20 March № 61219/30-196/50-20583, Note Verbale dated 22 March № 61219/30-196/50-21493, Note Verbale dated 07 April № 61219/30-196/50-24179, Note Verbale dated 12 April № 61219/30-196/50-25231 and Note Verbale dated 25 April № 61219/30-196/50-28451 informs the OPCW that the Russia's irresponsible actions pose the gravest chemical contamination threats for Ukraine.

The Russian Federation attempts to use the OPCW as a tool of political propaganda aimed at justification of its illegal actions on the ground. Since the beginning of the full-scale aggression against Ukraine the Kremlin regime has distributed 8 notes with entirely fake information.

The Russian Federation note verbal published on the 9th of May 2022 is another example of this. The only reason for this continued disinformation appears to be the inability of Russia to reach its goals at the battlefield by the date defined by Kremlin regime – May 9th and their uncertainty concerning the outcomes of military actions in the next days. Feeling that the defeat is close Russian troops may use weapons of mass destruction as the last argument.
Distribution of Note verbal through the OPCW is a Russian attempt to prepare the international community to the possibility of use of chemicals in their war against Ukraine.

We would like to remind that on March 16, 2022 the International Court of Justice has satisfied Ukraine's request and obliged Russia to immediately suspend the military operations that it commenced on February 24, 2022 in the territory of Ukraine. This decision is legally binding and has immediate implications on Russia in accordance with the international law. Since this decision is adopted further continuation of the war by the Kremlin is not only a violation of international law, but a violation of the decision of one of the most authoritative judicial institutions in the world.

We urge Russia to fully implement decision of the International Court of Justice and withdraw its forces from the territory of Ukraine.

Despite Russia's false allegations, Ukraine has neither intention, nor steps taken aimed at usage of chemical weapons.

Ukraine is a strong supporter of the Convention and remains deeply concerned about the use of chemical weapons by the Russian Federation on our territory. We are acting in strict compliance with relevant provisions of the CWC.

We urge the OPCW to continue closely monitor all violations of the CWC by Russia in Ukraine. We remain very grateful to those States Parties that have already offered protective assistance to Ukraine and we would like to encourage other States Parties to provide advice and assistance as provided for in Article X.

The Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the OPCW avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 09 May 2022

Достоверно установлено, что по указанию кураторов из США и Великобритании подразделения вооруженных сил Украины и националистические батальоны оборудуют мощные укрепленные районы на крупных предприятиях, в том числе химической промышленности.

Техническому секретариату
Организации по запрещению
химического оружия

g. Гаага
Так, на территории «Азот» в г. Северодонецке Луганской Народной Республики, боевики разместили тяжелое вооружение, а в качестве «живого щита» в подземных сооружениях удерживают более тысячи работников завода и местных жителей. При этом националисты систематически обстреливают из реактивных систем залпового огня населенные пункты Первомайск, Стаханов и Калиново, тем самым провоцируя Вооруженные силы Российской Федерации на ответный удар. Цель — обвинить российских военнослужащих в уничтожении мирных жителей и возникновении техногенной катастрофы в Луганской Народной Республике. Также украинские националисты заминировали емкости с химически веществами (аммиак, аммиачная селитра, азотная кислота) для их немедленного подрыва в случае вынужденного оставления своих позиций.

Реализация данного плана приведет к химическому заражению воздуха, местности и водоисточников. При этом, особую опасность представляет возможность попадания сильнодействующих ядовитых веществ в реку Северный Донец, которая является основной водной артерией и источником питьевой воды для Восточной Украины и республик Донбасса.

Совершение подобных провокаций боевиками националистических батальонов, в соответствии с показаниями пленных военнослужащих Вооруженных сил Украины, спланировано и на других объектах в границах так называемого «треугольника химической промышленности» (Северодонецк, Лисичанск и Рубежное, общая площадь — 338 кв. километров, население — около 300 тыс. человек). На указанной территории сконцентрировано более 30 предприятий

Кроме того, по имеющейся достоверной оперативной информации, в населенных пунктах Высокополье, Ивановка, Князевка и Тополиное Херсонской области, а также в Апостолово Днепропетровской области служба безопасности Украины планирует провокации с применением химического оружия для дальнейшего обвинения Вооруженных сил России. При этом, если ранее при подготовке подобных провокаций мирное население выводилось из района планируемого заражения, то теперь для получения максимального резонанса, оповещение населения не проводилось.

Заранее предупреждаем ОЗХО, а также все государства-участники Конвенции о запрещении химического оружия (далее – КЗХО), что после осуществления указанных и других подобных провокаций украинские власти планируют распространить обвинения в адрес Российской Федерации через западные средства массовой информации и различные Интернет-ресурсы.

Планирующиеся украинскими националистами провокации с применением химического оружия против гражданского населения представляют непосредственную угрозу целям и принципам КЗХО.

Постоянное представительство просит распространить данную ноту среди всех государств-участников КЗХО.
Постоянное представительство пользуется случаем, чтобы возобновить Секретариату уверения в своем весьма высоком уважении.

Гаага, 6 мая 2022 года
The Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) presents its compliments to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) and, in addition to the Permanent Representation’s Notes Verbales No. 5, dated 10 March 2022, No. 6, dated 22 March 2022, No. 7, dated 30 March 2022, No. 9, dated 6 April 2022, No. 11, dated 7 April 2022, No. 14, dated 11 April 2022, and No. 16, dated 25 April 2022, has the honour of informing the Secretariat of the following information submitted by the Defence Ministry of the Russian Federation.

It has been reliably established that, per the instructions of the minders of the United States and Great Britain, divisions of the Ukrainian Armed Forces and nationalist battalions are equipping powerful, fortified areas at major enterprises, including those in the chemical industry.
On the premises of “Azot” in the city of Severodonetsk, in the People’s Republic of Lugansk, fighters have placed heavy weaponry, and as a “human shield”, they are holding over one thousand factory workers and local residents in underground structures. At the same time, nationalists are systematically firing from multiple-launch rocket systems at the towns of Pervomaisk, Stakhanov, and Kalinovo, thus provoking the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation to strike back. The objective is to accuse Russian servicemen of killing peaceful residents and triggering a manmade catastrophe in the People’s Republic of Lugansk. Ukrainian nationalists have also planted bombs on containers holding chemicals (ammonium, ammonium nitrate, nitric acid) in order to cause immediate explosion if they are forced to abandon their positions.

The implementation of this plan will lead to the chemical contamination of the air, terrain, and water sources. Furthermore, the possibility of highly active toxic chemicals contaminating the Seversky Donetsk River poses a particular danger; this river is a key waterway and a source of potable water for Eastern Ukraine and the republics of Donbass.

According to the testimonies of prisoners from servicemen of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, nationalist fighters plan to carry out similar provocations at other sites within the borders of the so-called “chemical industry triangle” (Severodonetsk, Lisichansk, and Rubezhnoye; a total area of 338 square kilometres and population of approximately 300,000 people). Over 30 chemical industry companies are concentrated
on this territory, the largest of which are: “Ukrkhimenergo”, Severodonetskiy “ORKhIM”, “Khimpostovschik”, “Energokhimmash”, OOO NPP “Zarya”, Severodonetskiy Chemical Metallurgy Plant, the “Novofert” Severdonetsky Chemical Fertilizer Plant, the “Yuzhniy” chemical plant, and the “Benzol” chemical company.

Furthermore, according to the latest reliable information in our possession, Ukraine’s Security Service is planning provocations with chemical weapons in the towns of Vysokopolye, Ivanovka, Knyazevka, and Topolinoye in the Kherson Region, as well as in Apostolovo in the Dnepropetrovsk Region, to subsequently cast the blame for such on the Russian Armed Forces. And while previous preparations for similar provocations involved evacuating the local population from the targeted area of contamination, this time, for maximum impact, the local population was not informed.

We are forewarning the OPCW and all States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) that after these and other similar provocations, the Ukrainian authorities plan to launch accusations against the Russian Federation through Western media outlets and a variety of online resources.

The provocations with chemical weapons planned by Ukrainian nationalists against the civil population constitute a direct threat to the purposes and principles of the Convention.

The Permanent Representation requests that this Note be distributed among all States Parties to the Convention.
The Permanent Representation avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Secretariat the assurances of its very highest consideration.

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The Hague, 7 May 2022
The Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) presents its compliments to the Technical Secretariat and has the honour to refer to Note Verbale dated 27 February 2022 № 61219/30-196/50-3, Note Verbale dated 11 March № 61219/35-196/50-18783, Note Verbale dated on 18 March 2022 № 61219/35-196/50-20231, Note Verbale dated 20 March № 61219/30-196/50-20583, Note Verbale dated 22 March № 61219/30-196/50-21493, Note Verbale dated 07 April № 61219/30-196/50-24179 and Note Verbale dated 12 April № 61219/30-196/50-25231 and informs the OPCW that according to analysis from Ukrainian intelligence agencies Russia has plans to use chemical weapons against Ukrainian defenders and civilians at Azovstal, city of Mariupol.

The Russian leadership is considering plans to launch bombing strikes using munitions containing toxic chemicals. At the same time, Russian units of the "Radiation, Chemical and Biological Protection Forces" (CBRN) are preparing to use aerosols containing toxic chemicals. In addition, the occupiers are already selecting and inspecting possible places for storing aerial deployment devices and associated toxic chemicals.

An additional risk indicator of the Kremlin's plans to use chemical weapons, according to Ukraine's intelligence officials, is that Russia is already actively spreading false information about the alleged presence of chemical and biological weapons in Ukraine.
We call upon the Technical Secretariat and States Parties to monitor the situation closely in order to fully appreciate the criminal intentions of the Kremlin regime.

The humanitarian situation in the city of Mariupol does not allow citizens of Ukraine to leave the completely surrounded city. Every day the Russian occupiers disrupt our intentions to organize humanitarian corridors. Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine Iryna Vereshchuk has confirmed that there are no agreements on humanitarian corridors from Azovstal today (25 of April) as announced by the Russian Federation. Such unilateral announcements do not provide security and therefore cannot be considered proper humanitarian corridors. We request that representatives of the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross are involved in overseeing humanitarian corridors.

Ukraine is a strong supporter of the Convention and remains deeply concerned about the use of chemical weapons by the Russian Federation on our territory. We are ready to fully cooperate and to provide the Technical Secretariat with all relevant information. We are also studying all relevant provisions of CWC.

We remain very grateful to those States Parties that have already offered protective assistance to Ukraine and we would like to encourage other States Parties to provide advice and assistance as provided for in Article X.

The Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the OPCW avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 25 April 2022
The Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) presents its compliments to the Technical Secretariat and has the honour to refer to Note Verbale dated 27 February 2022 № 61219/30-196/50-3, Note Verbale dated 11 March № 61219/35-196/50-18783, Note Verbale dated on 18 March 2022 № 61219/35-196/50-20231, Note Verbale dated 20 March № 61219/30-196/50-20583, Note Verbale dated 22 March № 61219/30-196/50-21493 and Note Verbale dated 07 April № 61219/30-196/50-24179 and informs the OPCW that on 11 April the spokesperson of the Russian occupation administration of the Donetsk region Eduard Basurin announced threatening the following:

"Azovstal is a plant that was built back in the days of the Soviet Union, there is a lot of concrete, iron, there are multi-level underground floors. Therefore, it makes no sense to attack this object by storm. Because you can lose a large number of your own soldiers, and the enemy as such will not suffer any losses. Therefore, at the moment it is necessary to deal with the blocking of this plant, find all the exits and entrances, in principle, this can be done. After that, you need to involve chemical troops who will find a way to smoke moles out of their holes."

On the same day it has been reported the Russian troops used a toxic substance of unknown origin against Ukrainian military and civilians in the city of Mariupol, which was dropped from an enemy unmanned aerial vehicle. It is officially reported by medical authorities that the Ukrainian civilians have shortness of breath and vestibulocerebellar ataxia.
We call upon the Technical Secretariat and States Parties to monitor the situation closely in order to fully understand the criminal intentions of the Kremlin regime.

We underline that we are now gathering facts and important evidences of the possible use of chemical weapons. The humanitarian situation in the city of Mariupol does not allow citizens of Ukraine to leave the completely surrounded city. Every day the Russian occupiers disrupt our intentions to organize humanitarian corridors.

Ukraine is a strong supporter of the Convention and remains deeply concerned about the use of chemical weapons by the Russian Federation on our territory and we are ready to fully cooperate and to provide the Technical Secretariat with all the additional information. We are also studying possibilities of all the relevant provisions of CWC.

We are grateful to those States Parties that have already offered protective assistance to Ukraine and we would like to encourage the other States Parties to provide their proposals as provided for in Article X.

The Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the OPCW avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 12 April 2022
The Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) presents its compliments to the Technical Secretariat and has the honour to refer to Note Verbale dated 27 February 2022 № 61219/30-196/50-3, Note Verbale dated 11 March № 61219/35-196/50-18783, Note Verbale dated on 18 March 2022 № 61219/35-196/50-20231, Note Verbale dated 20 March № 61219/30-196/50-20583 and Note Verbale dated 22 March № 61219/30-196/50-21493 and informs the OPCW that the Russian Federation continues to use aircraft and artillery to strike at civilian infrastructure and industry defiantly ignoring the rules of international humanitarian law. Russia's reckless military aggression also poses a risk to the object and purpose of the Chemical Weapons Convention. As a result of the shelling of the city of Rubizhne, Luhansk region on 05 April, the Russian occupiers hit an industrial facility causing a release of nitric acid.

The local authorities and the State Emergency Service of Ukraine urgently informed the civilian population of the whole region about possible threats and priority actions in order to be protected against the negative consequences of the spread of chemicals.

Ukraine reiterates its deepest concern and condemns any harm caused by chemicals released by Russia military action.
Ukraine is a strong supporter of the Convention and remains deeply concerned about the possible use of chemical weapons by the Russian Federation on the territory of Ukraine as well as Russia's baseless allegations against Ukraine.

We are grateful to those States Parties that have offered protective assistance to Ukraine, as provided for in Article X.

The Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the OPCW avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 07 April 2023
The Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) presents its compliments to the Technical Secretariat and has the honour to refer to Note Verbale dated 27 February 2022 № 61219/30-196/50-3, Note Verbale dated 11 March № 61219/35-196/50-18783, Note Verbale dated on 18 March 2022 № 61219/35-196/50-20231 and Note Verbale dated 20 March № 61219/30-196/50-20583 and to request the Technical Secretariat to inform States Parties that the Russian Federation is circulating untrue and offensive narratives in order to cover up its own illegal actions on the territory of Ukraine.

In this connection, Ukraine strongly condemns the targeted shelling on 21st of March of the territory of JSC “Sumykhimprom” by Russian armed forces. According to the information from the State Emergency Service of Ukraine as a result of Russian shelling a tank containing ammonia with a capacity of 50 tons was damaged. As of 05:00 AM there was a slight leakage of ammonia, which was localized at 7:15 AM. The affected area was about 2.5 km.

On 22 March 2022 First Deputy Permanent Representative Dmitry Polyanskiy at UNSC made a statement accusing Ukraine in shelling a chemical plant in Sumy and in preparing another chemical attack by blowing up containers with chemical substances at the local primary school in the village of Kotlyarovo in Mykolaiv region.
We call upon the Technical Secretariat and States Parties to monitor the situation closely in order to fully understand the criminal intentions of the Kremlin regime.

Ukraine is a strong supporter of the Convention and remains deeply concerned about the possible use of chemical weapons by the Russian Federation on the territory of Ukraine.

The Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the OPCW avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 22 March 2022
The Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) presents its compliments to the Technical Secretariat and has the honour to refer to Note Verbale dated 27 February 2022 № 61219/30-196/50-3, Note Verbale dated 11 March 2022 № 61219/35-196/50-18783 and Note Verbale dated on 18 March 2022 № 61219/35-196/50-20231 and to inform the Technical Secretariat that Ukraine remains deeply concerned about the possible use of chemical weapons by the Russian Federation on the territory of Ukraine.

This time the Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the United Nations has circulated another part of disinformation in order to accuse Ukraine in preparing a chemical attack by blowing up containers with chemical substances in the village of Kotlyarovo in Mykolaiv region and to explode storage facilities with ammonia and chlorine at a chemical plant in Sumy in order to poison residents if the Russian Armed Forces enter the city.

We emphasize that Ukraine is a strong supporter of the Convention and rejects absolutely all assertions by the Russian Federation. Russia is the aggressor state. These false allegations by Russia may be used to disguise their own provocations with the use of chemical weapons against Ukrainian people.

The Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the OPCW avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 20 March 2022
The Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) presents its compliments to the Technical Secretariat and has the honour to refer to Note Verbale dated 27 February 2022, № 61219/30-196/50-3 and Note Verbale dated 11 March № 61219/35-196/50-18783 and to request the Technical Secretariat inform States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention that Ukraine remains deeply concerned about the possible use of chemical weapons by the Russian Federation on the territory of Ukraine.

We emphasize that Ukraine is a strong supporter of the Convention and rejects absolutely all assertions by the Russian Federation, including those reported on 16 March by the spokesperson of the Ministry of Defense of Russian Federation, that we have any chemical weapons; that we plan to stage a chemical weapons attack; or that we are working with any other state on chemical weapons. Russia is the aggressor state and we are deeply concerned that they may use chemical weapons against our people.
In accordance with Article X, paragraph 3 of the Convention, all states parties have undertaken to facilitate, and have the right to participate in, the fullest possible exchange of equipment, material and scientific and technological information concerning means of protection against chemical weapons. As provided for by Article X, paragraph 6, Ukraine urgently requests bilateral assistance from States Parties in order to protect against chemical weapons.

We appeal to the States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention to contact the National Authority and the Embassy of Ukraine in The Hague with a view to providing:

- assistance and detection equipment and alarm systems;
- protective equipment;
- decontamination equipment and decontaminants;
- medical antidotes and treatments;
- advice on any of these protective measures.

The Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the OPCW requests that this Note Verbale be shared with all States Parties and avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 18 March 2022
The Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) presents its compliments to the OPCW's Technical Secretariat and has the honour in addition to the Note Verbal dated on 27 February 2022 № 61219/30-196/50-3 to inform that over the past days, the world continues to see unprecedented and brutal aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine.

According to the intelligence information Russian Federation is going to launch a massive chemical attack on the territory of Ukraine, in the capital of Ukraine city of Kyiv and Kyiv region as well as in temporarily occupied Donetsk using tanks with ammonia and central nervous system acting chemicals.

It is planned to accuse the Ukrainian military of this attack against the civilian population.

We emphasize that Ukraine is a strong supporter of the Convention, which is widely recognised as the first multilateral instrument, banning the entire class of weapons of mass destruction under strict and efficient international control and compliance mechanism.
We reiterate that the use of chemical weapons anywhere, by anyone under any circumstance is a violation of international law.

The Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the OPCW avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 11 March 2022
No. 01/22

The Permanent Representation of the United States of America to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons presents its compliments to the Technical Secretariat of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and has the honor to present the following information in response to Note verbale No. 5 of the Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the OPCW and its accompanying National Document entitled “About the possible chemical provocations in Ukraine”. The United States kindly asks the Secretariat to make the present document available to States Parties as soon as possible and to publish it both on Catalyst and the OPCW website.

Russia’s war against Ukraine is a violation of Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity enshrined in the United Nations Charter. The United States took note of the Russian Federation’s patently false claims that alleged radical Ukrainian groups under the control of “the representatives of American special services” are preparing for a possible chemical weapons attack in Ukraine.

DIPLOMATIC NOTE
A key component of the Russian Federation’s global disinformation campaign is to blame others for what they themselves may intend to do. Based on a review of recent information, the United States has serious concerns that Russia may be planning to use chemical or biological agents in Ukraine. Russia is the one with the means, motive and track record of using prohibited chemical agents for assassinations, attempting to cover up its chemical weapons use with the most preposterous claims, and then spying on and otherwise undermining the OPCW’s efforts to get to the truth of the matter. We would not be surprised to see this scenario repeat itself in Ukraine.

Indeed, back in December 2021, Russia was already rhetorically setting the scene for possible false flag allegations against the United States and Ukraine by publicly citing false reports that “U.S. mercenaries” and Ukrainian special forces were planning to use chemical agents in Ukraine. Russian official media has also previously falsely claimed that the United States provided the Ukrainian Armed Forces with biological agents to use against Russia-backed separatists.
These previous allegations and the new ones put forward in the Russian Federation’s note are simply preposterous. They are exactly the kind of disinformation operation we have seen repeatedly from the Kremlin over the years in Ukraine and in other countries around the world. Russia’s disinformation operations, nearly identical to the ones presented here, have consistently been debunked in Syria. This false narrative pushed by Russia is consistent with the types of false pretexts we have been warning the Kremlin would invent.

The Russian Federation has a track record of accusing the West of the very crimes that the Russian Federation itself is perpetrating. It is the Russian Federation that has a long and well-documented track record of repeatedly using chemical weapons, including in the poisoning of Russian opposition leader Mr. Aleksey Navalny and in the attempted assassination of Sergei Skripal in the United Kingdom in 2018, which resulted in the death of a UK citizen. It is also the Russian Federation that continues to shield the Assad regime in Syria from accountability for its repeated use of chemical weapons, including by invoking the same tired disinformation tropes we see today. It is Russia that maintains a chemical weapons program in violation of its obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention.
These most recent allegations are yet another obvious ploy by the Russian Federation to try to justify further premeditated, unprovoked, and unjustified attacks on Ukraine.

For months leading up to the Kremlin’s further invasion of Ukraine, the Russian Federation told the world that it would not invade Ukraine. Throughout this week’s 99th Session of the Executive Council, the Russian delegation repeatedly stated that the topic of the Russian Federation’s renewed invasion of Ukraine “has nothing to do with the CWC mandate.” Now, just as the EC-99 session concludes, it issues warnings of supposed “provocations” dating as far back as December 2021.

The Russian Federation has lost all credibility.

If the Russian Federation carries out a chemical weapons attack in Ukraine, the reaction of the United States and the international community will be swift, united, and unequivocal: the Russian Federation must answer for any violations of the Chemical Weapons Convention.
The Permanent Representation of the United States of America to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Technical Secretariat of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons the assurances of its highest consideration.

The United States Permanent Representation to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

The Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) presents its compliments to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW (Secretariat) and has the honour to request to distribute the National Document of the Russian Federation entitled “About the possible chemical provocations in Ukraine”. The Russian side kindly asks the Secretariat to make the document available for States Parties as soon as possible and to publish it both on the Catalyst and the OPCW website.

The Permanent Representation avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, « 10 » March 2022
РОССИЙСКАЯ ФЕДЕРАЦИЯ

«К ВОПРОСУ О ВОЗМОЖНЫХ ХИМИЧЕСКИХ ПРОВОКАЦИЯХ НА УКРАИНЕ»

Украинские радикальные группировки под контролем представителей американских спецслужб подготовили несколько возможных сценариев использования токсичных химикатов для осуществления различного рода провокаций. Цель таких акций — обвинить Россию в применении химического оружия против гражданского населения и нарушении своих обязательств, в том числе и по Конвенции о запрещении химического оружия (далее — Конвенция). Разработаны несколько диверсионных сценариев.

- Один из подготовленных вариантов представляет собой диверсию на одном из украинских предприятий химической промышленности путем подрыва значительных объемов емкостей с промышленными химикатами. Планировалось минирование цистерн с аммиаком на объектах Частного Акционерного Общества (ЧАО) «Северодонецкое объединение «Азот»» (г.Северодонецк) и Публичного Акционерного общества (ПАО) «Одесский припортовый завод» (г.Одесса).

- Другой сценарий — подрыв в густонаселенных районах емкостей с токсичными химикатами. В частности, достоверно установлено, что 8-9 декабря 2021 года украинские радикалы доставили на территорию Донецкой области 200-литровые металлические бочки с иностранный маркировкой. В ходе их разгрузки четверо украинских военнослужащих получили серьезные химические ожоги и отправления. Общую же координацию доставки и складирования опасного груза осуществляли сотрудники американской частной военной компании (ЧВК) «Forward Observation Group» (штат Невада).
Для предупреждения этой провокации данная информация без оглашения деталей была озвучена Министром обороны Российской Федерации С.К. Шойгу в рамках открытой части расширенного заседания Коллегии Министерства обороны Российской Федерации 21 декабря 2021 года.

Несмотря на наши предупреждения, украинская сторона не отказалась от подобного рода террористических акций. В частности, в ночь на 9 марта 2022 года в населенный пункт Золочев северо-западнее Харькова украинскими националистами было завезено 80 тонн аммиака. По информации, поступающей непосредственно с места события, радикалы инструктируют гражданское население, как себя вести в зоне химического заражения.

Информируем государства-участники Конвенция о том, что такие приготовления однозначно свидетельствуют о подготовке к применению токсичных химикатов. С учетом пропагандистской кампании, развернутой в странах Запада, не остается сомнений в том, что планирующиеся провокации предназначены для того, чтобы обвинить Россию в использовании химического оружия. В этой связи возрастают риски того, что экстремистски настроенные элементы, действующие в составе так называемых национальных батальонов могут решиться на радикальные шаги, ужасающие последствия которых невозможно предсказать.
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REGARDING POTENTIAL CHEMICAL PROVOCATIONS IN UKRAINE

Radical Ukrainian groups under the control of the representatives of American special services have prepared several potential scenarios of the use of toxic chemicals in order to carry out various types of provocations. The objective of such actions is to accuse Russia of the use of chemical weapons against the civil population and violating its obligations, including those under the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”). Several diversionary scenarios have been developed.

- One of the prepared variants is a diversion at one of the Ukrainian companies in the chemical industry involving the destruction of large-volume containers holding industrial chemicals. A mine would be planted on a cistern with ammonium at the facilities of the Private Joint-Stock Company (ChAO) “Severodonetskoye ob’edineniye “Azot”” (city of Severodonetsk) and the Public Joint-Stock Company (PAO) “Odesskiy priportoviy zavod” (city of Odessa).

- Another scenario involves the destruction of containers with toxic chemicals in highly populated areas. In particular, it has been reliably established that on 8–9 December 2021, Ukrainian radicals delivered 200-litre metal barrels with foreign markings to Donetsk Oblast. As they were being unloaded, four Ukrainian soldiers received severe chemical burns and poisoning. The general coordination of the delivery and warehousing of hazardous freight was carried out by the staff of the private American military contractor Forward Observation Group (based in the state of Nevada).

As a warning of this provocation, this information, without the disclosure of details, was announced by S. K. Shoigu, the Minister of Defence of the Russian Federation within the framework of an open session of an extended meeting of the Collegium of the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation on 21 December 2021.

Despite our warnings, the Ukrainian side did not back out of this type of terrorist attack. In particular, on the night of 9 March 2022 in the settlement of Zolochiv, north-west of Kharkiv, Ukrainian nationalists brought in 80 tonnes of ammonium. According to the
information coming directly from the site of the events, radicals are instructing the civil population on what to do in a chemical contamination zone.

We are informing the States Parties to the Convention that such arrangements indubitably point to preparations for the use of toxic chemicals. In light of the propaganda campaign under way in Western countries, there is no doubt that the provocations being planned are meant to accuse Russia of the use of chemical weapons. In this regard, the risks are growing of extremist-inclined elements acting as part of so-called national battalions that may be set on taking radical steps, the horrific consequences of which is impossible to predict.
La Représentation permanente de la France auprès de l'Organisation pour l'Interdiction des Armes Chimiques présente ses compliments au Secrétariat technique de l'OIAC et a l'honneur de porter à son attention les éléments suivants.

La France, au nom des 27 États parties membres de l'Union européenne (Allemagne, Autriche, Belgique, Bulgarie, Chypre, Croatie, Danemark, Espagne, Estonie, Finlande, France, Grèce, Hongrie, Irlande, Italie, Lettonie, Lituanie, Luxembourg, Malte, Pays-Bas, Pologne, Portugal, République tchèque, Roumanie, Slovaquie, Slovénie, Suède), a l'honneur de présenter les éléments suivants :

Nous prenons bonne note de la Note Verbale 61219/30-196/50-3 de la Représentation permanente de l'Ukraine auprès de l'OIAC datée du 27 février 2022.

L'Union européenne condamne dans les termes les plus énergiques l'agression militaire non provoquée et injustifiée de la Fédération de Russie contre l'Ukraine. Par ses actions militaires illégales, la Russie viole de manière flagrante le droit international et les principes de la Charte des Nations Unies et sape la sécurité et la stabilité européennes et mondiales. La Russie porte l'entière responsabilité de cet acte d'agression et de toutes les destructions et pertes de vies humaines qu'elle causera. Elle sera tenue responsable de ses actes.

Nous exprimons de vives préoccupations quant à l'information selon laquelle les forces armées russes pourraient préparer une opération maquillée dans le but d'être mensongèrement attribuée à la partie ukrainienne, en utilisant des produits chimiques, y compris par l'explosion de réservoirs industriels remplis de produits chimiques, impliquant l'exposition des populations à des produits chimiques dangereux.

Nous condamnons toutes les entreprises de désinformation russes, notamment s'agissant d'allégation de provocations à l'aide d'agents chimiques en Ukraine.

De telles provocations ou accusations mensongères de la Russie seraient irresponsables et pourraient avoir de graves conséquences humanitaires, pour la population ukrainienne comme pour l'environnement. En cas d'incident, la Russie, seule, en porterait la responsabilité.

Nous demandons que cette Note verbale soit diffusée à tous les États parties et considérée comme un document officiel de la 99ème session du Conseil exécutif./.

La Représentation Permanente de la France saisit cette occasion pour renouveler au Secrétariat technique de l'Organisation pour l'interdiction des armes chimiques l'assurance de sa haute considération.

La Haye, le 03 mars 2022

Président \[\text{(signature)}\]

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France, on behalf of the 27 States parties members of the European Union (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden) has the honour to present the following elements:

We take good note of the Note Verbale 61219/30-196/50-3 of the Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the OPCW dated 27 February 2022.

The European Union condemns in the strongest possible terms the Russian Federation’s unprovoked and unjustified military aggression against Ukraine. By its illegal military actions, Russia is grossly violating international law and the principles of the UN Charter and undermining European and global security and stability. Russia bears full responsibility for this act of aggression and all the destruction and loss of life it will cause. It will be held accountable for its actions.

We express our deep concerns about the information that the Russian military forces may be preparing “false flag” provocations in Ukraine using chemicals, including blowing up industrial tanks with chemicals, involving the exposure of the population to dangerous chemicals.

We condemn all Russian disinformation campaigns, notably regarding allegations of provocations using chemical agents in Ukraine.

Such provocations or false accusations from Russia would be irresponsible and could have grave humanitarian consequences, for the Ukrainian population as well as for the environment. In case of incident, Russia, alone, would be held responsible.

We request this Note verbale to be circulated to all States parties and considered as an official document of the 99th Session of the Executive Council.
The Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the OPCW presents its compliments to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW and has the honor to inform that over the past three days, the world continues to see unprecedented and brutal aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine.

According to the intelligence information from the temporarily occupied Donetsk the occupiers are handing out gas masks to local militants and the Russian military. There is a possibility of provocation - blowing up industrial tanks with chemicals.

It is planned to accuse the Ukrainian military of this sabotage against the civilian population. We declare that, unlike the Russian occupiers, Ukraine does not use such methods.

The Ukraine is a strong supporter of the Convention, which is widely recognised as the first multilateral instrument, banning the entire class of weapons of mass destruction under strict and efficient international control and compliance mechanism.

Technical Secretariat
of the Organisation for the Prohibition
of Chemical Weapons

The Hague
We reiterate that the use of chemical weapons anywhere, by anyone under any circumstance is a violation of international law.

The Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the OPCW avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 27 February 2022