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**NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION  
OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO REVIEW  
THE OPERATION OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION  
(FIFTH REVIEW CONFERENCE)**

In accordance with Rules 17 and 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the States Parties, the Director-General hereby submits the provisional agenda for the Fifth Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Fifth Review Conference”) as drawn up by the Executive Council at its 102nd Session (EC-102/DG.9, dated 9 February 2023).



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1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the Fifth Review Conference
2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Election of the Chairperson
3. AGENDA ITEM THREE – Election of Vice-Chairpersons and other officers
4. AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Adoption of the agenda
5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – Organisation of work and establishment of subsidiary bodies
6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – Opening statement by the Director-General
7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Report of the Chairperson of the Executive Council on the preparations for the Fifth Review Conference
8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – General debate
9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – 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:
  - (a) the role of the Chemical Weapons Convention in enhancing international peace and security and in achieving the objectives as set forth in the preamble of the Convention;
  - (b) ensuring the universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention;
  - (c) implementation of the provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention relating to:
    - (i) general obligations and declarations related thereto;
    - (ii) reports by the Director-General on destruction-related issues;
    - (iii) destruction of chemical weapons including implementation of the Conference of the States Parties and Executive Council decisions on destruction-related issues;
    - (iv) destruction or conversion of chemical weapons production facilities;
    - (v) verification activities of the OPCW;
    - (vi) activities not prohibited under the Chemical Weapons Convention;
    - (vii) national implementation measures;
    - (viii) consultations, cooperation, and fact-finding;

- (ix) assistance and protection against chemical weapons;
  - (x) economic and technological development;
  - (xi) Articles XII to XV and final clauses; and
  - (xii) the protection of confidential information; and
- (d) the general functioning of the OPCW.
10. AGENDA ITEM TEN – Reports of subsidiary bodies
  11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Any other business
  12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – Adoption of the final documents of the Fifth Review Conference
  13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – Closure

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