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**REQUEST FOR CIRCULATION OF A DOCUMENT
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The Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the OPCW has requested that a note verbale addressed to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW (dated 12 October 2023) be circulated as an official document of the 104th Session of the Executive Council.

Annex: Note Verbale from the Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW Dated 12 October 2023



Annex

**NOTE VERBALE FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE
RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT OF THE OPCW
DATED 12 OCTOBER 2023**



**ПОСТОЯННОЕ ПРЕДСТАВИТЕЛЬСТВО
РОССИЙСКОЙ ФЕДЕРАЦИИ
ПРИ ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ПО ЗАПРЕЩЕНИЮ
ХИМИЧЕСКОГО ОРУЖИЯ**

PERMANENT REPRESENTATION
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
TO THE ORGANISATION FOR THE PROHIBITION
OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS

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The Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) presents its compliments to the OPCW Technical Secretariat and in response to the latter's note NV/ODG-466/23 dated 9 October 2023, and also in view of the ongoing attempts by the Kiev regime, with the active motivation and support on the part of its Western sponsors, to accuse the Russian Federation of violating its obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), has the honour to bring the following to the attention of the Technical Secretariat and CWC States Parties.

The Russian Federation has repeatedly pointed out that the wrongful accusations brought against the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation of alleged plans to use, including "under a false flag", chemical weapons or toxic chemicals for CWC prohibited purposes in the special military operation zone, are absolutely groundless. Moreover, this kind of insinuation indicates the intention of the Euro-Atlantic allies, their satellites and accomplices to carry out provocations involving toxic chemicals in order to blame the Russian Federation for these crimes afterwards. A similar scenario has already been test run many times in the Syrian Arab Republic by the intelligence services of NATO countries

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with the involvement of paramilitary structures of the Syrian opposition and pseudo-humanitarian organizations like the notorious White Helmets. The information and video materials on “Russian chemical weapons” disseminated by a number of Ukrainian television channels and Internet resources, that often indicate the opposite, are a proof thereto.

The Russian Federation has repeatedly brought to the attention of the Technical Secretariat and CWC States Parties, as well as the UN Security Council and General Assembly, information on the Kiev regime preparing and implementing provocations with the use of toxic chemicals and their actual use by Ukrainian paramilitary forces against the Russian military in violation of Kiev’s obligations under the CWC. In March 2023, in particular, information was circulated (A/77/783 – S/2023/169 dated 3 March 2023 - <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N23/066/19/pdf/N2306619.pdf?OpenElement>) on the United States supplying BZ, CS and CR incapacitants, shrapnel ammunition for delivering liquid irritant formulations and a wide range of personal protective equipment against toxic chemicals to Ukraine for these purposes, which could, among other things, indicate preparations for large-scale provocations involving the BZ psychotropic warfare agent, included on Schedule 2 of the Annex on chemicals to the CWC (these and other documents, as well as links to relevant video materials, are attached herewith and summarized on the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs official web portal (https://mid.ru/en/foreign_policy/international_organizations/organizacia-po-zapreseniu-himiceskogo-oruzia/1896481/)).

Moreover, materials with the results of the analysis of samples collected in the most difficult conditions of active hostilities in the area of the village of Rabotino, Zaporozhye region of the Russian Federation, from at least two sites where Ukrainian militants and foreign

mercenaries used toxic chemicals from Schedule 3 of the Annex on chemicals to the Convention in violation of the CWC, were transmitted personally to H.E.Mr.Fernando Arias, Director-General of the OPCW, on 6 October 2023.

The Russian Federation expects the OPCW States Parties, for whom their sovereign rights and respect for their national interests on behalf of the world community are imperative, to be able to draw objective conclusions on the matter after studying the materials on the real state of affairs in the zone of the Ukrainian conflict with regard to the CWC. There is a long-felt need to set common sense over against manic ambitions of the countries of the “collective West” aimed at turning the OPCW along with other specialized multilateral structures into an instrument for maintaining and strengthening their dominance in the world politics, economy and finances, imposing on the absolute majority of the world community their cultural and civilizational values and double standards, which are far from being clear-cut and even often corrupted.

The Russian Federation reminds that during the 103th session of the Executive Council of the OPCW, exhaustive answers were provided to the questions of the Federal Republic of Germany. In response to the new request of the Federal Republic of Germany, we emphasize once again that the riot control agents are not used by the Russian forces in the special military operation. In the interview with a Russian serviceman, dated 2 May 2023, mentioned in the German Note, the point at issue initially was that, during clashes, there was the use of smoke camouflage grenades (RDG-M and others) and similar thermite-incendiary ammunition against Ukrainian armoured vehicles and fortifications, which is not prohibited by the CWC. Regarding the K-51 grenade demonstrated to the Russian military due to a misunderstanding during this presentation story, it fell within the hands of the Russian

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military as a trophy when capturing positions of Ukrainian militants and foreign mercenaries. The fact that such items are available with the latter ones is clearly evidenced by one of the videos shown on the Ukrainian television, in which they are demonstrated by English-speaking mercenaries acting in Ukraine in the interests of one of the secret services of the NATO countries with the purpose of organizing such provocations by analogy to Syrian scenarios. The video sequence with a drone throwing down a K-51 grenade, shown in the mentioned televised report, was actually taken from the digital media seized at the positions of Ukrainian militants.

In view of the above, the Russian Federation, referring to Article IX, paragraph 4, would ask the Technical Secretariat to transmit to the Executive Council of the Organisation a request for assistance in obtaining clarifications from Germany regarding the information available to it on the incidents mentioned in the Ukrainian Notes No. 61219/35-196/50-61363, dated 28 May 2023 and No. 61219/35-196/50-107892, dated 11 September 2023.

The Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the OPCW request the Technical Secretariat to transmit a copy of this Note to the Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the OPCW, circulate it to the States Parties of the OPCW and make it available on the Organisation's public website and Catalyst.

The Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation 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, October 14, 2023

