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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE 105TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 5 – 8 MARCH 2024

This revised annotated agenda¹ has been prepared by the Technical Secretariat (the Secretariat) to guide and assist members of the Executive Council (the Council) in their substantive preparations for its 105th Session. It lists the items of business for the session in the sequence in which they appear in the provisional agenda set for it (see agenda item two below).

Delegations are invited to consult the “Practical Information for Delegates” on INDICO (<https://indico.un.org/e/EC-105>) regarding the logistical matters for the 105th Session.

1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the session

The 105th Session of the Council will be opened in The Hague by the Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Lucian Fătu of Romania, at 10:00 on 5 March 2024.

2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Adoption of the agenda

The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt the following agenda, which has been circulated under cover of EC-105/1 (dated 30 January 2024).

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Replacement of the Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Council from the African Group
4. Opening statement by the Director-General
5. Reports by the Vice-Chairpersons on the activities conducted under their respective clusters of issues
6. General debate

¹ This document is issued for information purposes only and does not supersede in any way the provisional agenda for the 105th Session of the Executive Council, or prejudice the outcome of its deliberations.

7. Status of implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention:
 - (a) Reports by the Director-General on destruction-related issues
 - (b) Implementation of the Conference of the States Parties and Executive Council decisions on destruction-related issues
 - (c) Elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme
 - (d) Other verification-related issues
 - (e) Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use
 - (f) Timely submission of declarations under Article VI of the Chemical Weapons Convention
 - (g) Status of implementation of Article X
 - (h) Implementation by the Technical Secretariat in 2023 of the regime governing the handling of confidential information
8. OPCW Central Analytical Database
9. Countering chemical terrorism
10. Administrative and financial matters:
 - (a) Nominations for membership of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
 - (b) Rules of Procedure of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
 - (c) Status of implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations
 - (d) Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system
 - (e) Implementation of the Action Plan on Geographical Representation
11. Follow-up to the Review Conferences²
12. Election of the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Council
13. Report by the Committee on Relations with the Host Country
14. Any other business
15. Adoption of the report
16. Closure

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

3. AGENDA ITEM THREE – Replacement of the Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Council from the African Group

Further to the end of mission of Ambassador Eniola Olaitan Ajayi of Nigeria prior to the expiry of her term of office as Vice-Chairperson of the Council from the African Group, the Council is **requested** to elect a new Vice-Chairperson for the unexpired term of office until 11 May 2024 in accordance with Rules 6 and 8 of its Rules of Procedure.

4. AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Opening statement by the Director-General

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

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

The Vice-Chairpersons and coordinators for clusters of issues are expected to report to the Council on informal consultations held during the intersessional period: Ambassador Hiroshi Minami of Japan on chemical weapons issues; the Vice-Chairperson of the African Group on chemical industry and other Article VI issues; Ambassador Fernando Simas Magalhães of Brazil on administrative and financial issues; and Ambassador Giorgio Novello of Italy on legal, organisational, and other issues.

6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – General debate

With respect to the general debate, delegations are invited to consult the “Practical Information for Delegates” on INDICO.

7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Status of implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention

Subitem 7(a): Reports by the Director-General on destruction-related issues

7.1 Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6, dated 15 February 2012), the Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the overall progress with respect to the destruction of abandoned chemical weapons (EC-105/DG.13, dated 27 February 2024).

Subitem 7(b): Implementation of the Conference of the States Parties and Executive Council decisions on destruction-related issues

7.2 The Secretariat is expected to provide updates to the Council on its destruction-related verification activities and on Article III-related submissions (the presentation has been posted on the external server of the OPCW).

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

- 7.4 Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6) and the destruction plan beyond the year 2022 for the chemical weapons abandoned by Japan in China (EC-101/DEC.2, dated 4 October 2022) attached as annex 3 to the Council's decision EC-67/DEC.6, a national paper by China (EC-105/NAT.4, dated 6 February 2024) and a national paper by Japan (EC-105/NAT.5, dated 6 February 2024) on the overall progress of the destruction of chemical weapons abandoned by Japan on the territory of China have been circulated to the members of the Council.

Subitem 7(c): Elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme

- 7.5 Further to its decision at its Eighty-Third Session (EC-83/DEC.5, dated 11 November 2016), the Council decided to place "Elimination of the Syrian Chemical Weapons Programme" on the agenda of all future Council sessions until the Council determines that all elements of the Syrian chemical weapons programme have been eliminated.
- 7.6 The Council is **requested** to note reports by the Director-General reporting on progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme (EC-105/DG.1, dated 25 October 2023; EC-105/DG.2, dated 24 November 2023; EC-105/DG.3, dated 22 December 2023; EC-105/DG.6, dated 24 January 2024; and EC-105/DG.12, dated 23 February 2024).
- 7.7 The Council is **requested** to note national papers by the Syrian Arab Republic on the activities related to the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons and their production facilities (EC-105/P/NAT.1, dated 16 October 2023; EC-105/P/NAT.2, dated 15 November 2023; EC-105/P/NAT.3, dated 18 December 2023; EC-105/P/NAT.4, dated 15 January 2024; and EC-105/P/NAT.5, dated 15 February 2024).
- 7.8 The Secretariat circulated a Note entitled "Summary Update of the Activities Carried out by the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria" (S/2232/2023, dated 21 December 2023).
- 7.9 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General entitled "Report on the Work of the Declaration Assessment Team" (EC-105/HP/DG.1, dated 29 February 2024).
- 7.10 The Secretariat circulated a Note by the Secretariat entitled "Report of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission Regarding an Alleged Use of Toxic Chemicals as a Weapon in Al-Yarmouk, Syrian Arab Republic, on 22 October 2017" (S/2254/2024, dated 22 February 2024).
- 7.11 The Secretariat provided a briefing to the States Parties on 29 February 2024 on its activities related to the Syrian Arab Republic, including on the activities of the Declaration Assessment Team, the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria, and the Investigation and Identification Team.

Subitem 7(d): Other verification-related issues

- 7.12 The Secretariat is expected to provide an update to the Council on its other verification-related activities (the presentation has been posted on the external server of the OPCW).

- 7.13 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Secretariat entitled “Initial Inspection of Chemical Weapons Declared by the Federal Republic of Germany as Abandoned Chemical Weapons” (EC-105/S/5, dated 26 February 2024).

Subitem 7(e): Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use

- 7.14 The Council is **requested** to note the regular report by the Director-General to the Council on progress made in the implementation of the decision of the Conference of the States Parties (the Conference) entitled “Addressing the Threat from Chemical Weapons Use” (C-SS-4/DEC.3, dated 27 June 2018) (EC-105/DG.14, dated 27 February 2024).

- 7.15 The Secretariat circulated a Note entitled “Fourth Report by the OPCW Investigation and Identification Team Pursuant to Paragraph 10 of Decision C-SS-4/DEC.3 ‘Addressing the Threat from Chemical Weapons Use’, Marea (Syrian Arab Republic) – 1 September 2015” (S/2255/2024, dated 22 February 2024), which has been provided to the Council and to the United Nations Secretary-General for their consideration.

Subitem 7(f): Timely submission of declarations under Article VI of the Chemical Weapons Convention

- 7.16 Further to a decision by the Council at its Fifty-First Session (EC-51/DEC.1, dated 27 November 2007), the Council is **requested** to note a status report by the Director-General on the timely submission by States Parties of declarations under Article VI of the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Convention) for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2023 (EC-105/DG.7, dated 26 January 2024).

Subitem 7(g): Status of implementation of Article X

- 7.17 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the “Status of Implementation of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 December 2023” (EC-105/DG.8, dated 31 January 2024).

Subitem 7(h): Implementation by the Technical Secretariat in 2023 of the regime governing the handling of confidential information

- 7.18 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the regime governing the handling of confidential information by the Secretariat in 2023 (EC-105/DG.11 C-29/DG.1, dated 20 February 2024).

8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – OPCW Central Analytical Database

- 8.1 The Council is **requested** to consider a Note by the Director-General on lists of newly validated data on scheduled chemicals for approval by the Council for inclusion in the OPCW Central Analytical Database (OCAD) (EC-105/DG.4, dated 15 January 2024) and to adopt a draft decision on the matter (EC-105/DEC/CRP.1, dated 15 January 2024).

- 8.2 The Council is **requested** to consider a Note by the Director-General on lists of newly validated data on non-scheduled chemicals relevant to the Convention for approval by the Council for inclusion in the OCAD (EC-105/DG.5, dated 17 January 2024) and to adopt a draft decision on the matter (EC-105/DEC/CRP.2, dated 17 January 2024).

9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – Countering chemical terrorism

9.1 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Director-General on the status of the OPCW’s contribution to global anti-terrorism efforts (EC-105/DG.10, dated 16 February 2024).

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

10. AGENDA ITEM TEN – Administrative and financial matters

Subitem 10(a): Nominations for membership of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters

10.1 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters (ABAF) (EC-105/S/1, dated 25 January 2024), and to appoint Mr Hans-Christian Mangelsdorf of Germany for a third term with the ABAF, as of the date of his reappointment by the Council.

10.2 The Council is also **requested** to note a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the ABAF (EC-105/S/2, dated 26 January 2024), and to appoint Mr Anton Minaev of the Russian Federation for a second term with the ABAF, starting on 7 July 2024.

10.3 The Council is also **requested** to note a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the ABAF (EC-105/S/3, dated 13 February 2024), and to appoint Mr Milan Kerber of the Czech Republic for a sixth term with the ABAF, starting on 29 May 2024.

Subitem 10(b): Rules of Procedure of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters

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

10.5 The latest revision to the above-mentioned draft decision was submitted by the sponsoring delegations and issued under the symbol EC-92/DEC/CRP.1/Rev.5 (dated 13 March 2023).

10.6 The Council is **requested** to take appropriate action on the matter.

Subitem 10(c): Status of implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations

- 10.7 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor (EC-105/S/4*, dated 23 February 2024).
- 10.8 The facilitator for this issue, Ms Rebecca Kimbrell of the United States of America, is expected to report on the consultations carried out during the intersessional period.

Subitem 10(d): Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system

- 10.9 Further to the decision by the Conference at its Nineteenth Session on the implementation of an enterprise resource planning (ERP) system and the establishment of a special fund for this purpose (C-19/DEC.7, dated 3 December 2014), the Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General reporting on the status of implementation of the ERP system (EC-105/DG.9, dated 12 February 2024).

Subitem 10(e): Implementation of the Action Plan on Geographical Representation

- 10.10 In accordance with the decision of the Conference at its Twenty-Eighth Session on the Action Plan on Geographical Representation (C-28/DEC.11, dated 30 November 2023), the Secretariat circulated a Note entitled "Implementation of the Action Plan on Geographical Representation" comprising a strategic framework, an implementation programme, and a monitoring and reporting mechanism (EC-105/S/6, dated 26 February 2024).
- 10.11 The Council is **requested** to adopt a draft decision also entitled "Implementation of the Action Plan on Geographical Representation" (EC-105/DEC/CRP.3, dated 26 February 2024).

11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Follow-up to the Review Conferences

A working paper entitled "Reflections by H.E. Ambassador Henk Cor van der Kwast, Chairperson of the Fifth Review Conference, on the Outcome of the Fifth Review Conference" was circulated to the Council at its 103rd Session under the symbol EC-103/WP.1 (dated 26 June 2023).

12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – Election of the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Council

In accordance with Rule 6 of its Rules of Procedure, and with effect from 12 May 2024, the Council is **requested** to elect its new Chairperson for a term of office ending on 11 May 2025, and its new Vice-Chairpersons for the same period. The Chairperson and four Vice-Chairpersons shall be elected from among the representatives accredited to the Council.

13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – Report by the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

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

14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Any other business

15. AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – Adoption of the report

16. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Closure

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