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**REQUEST FOR CIRCULATION OF A DOCUMENT
AT THE 105TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**


The Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the OPCW has requested that a note verbale addressed to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW (dated 29 February 2024) be circulated as an official document of the 105th Session of the Executive Council.

Annex: Note Verbale from the Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW Dated 29 February 2024



Annex

**NOTE VERBALE FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY TO THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT
OF THE OPCW DATED 29 FEBRUARY 2024**



Permanent Representation
of the Federal Republic of Germany
to the OPCW

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Note Verbale

The Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), on behalf of 12 States Parties (Albania, Canada, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America) presents its compliments to the Chairperson of the Executive Council, H.E. Ambassador Lucian Fătu, Permanent Representative of Romania to the OPCW, and has the honour to request the Executive Council at its 105th session to address reports indicating that riot control agents may have been used repeatedly by Russian armed forces in combat operations against Ukrainian forces in Ukraine, with the objective to assist in clarifying the situation pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 3 of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling, and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction (hereinafter “the Convention”).

As previous requests for clarification pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 2 of the Convention did not provide convincing clarification of the matter and recent media reports as well as the Note Verbale No. 61219/35-196/50-22027 from the Embassy of Ukraine in the Kingdom of the Netherlands indicate an ongoing and possibly increased use of riot control agents, we remain gravely concerned about a violation of Article I, paragraph 5 of the Convention.

Permanent Representation of Romania to the OPCW	Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons Secretariat for the Policy-Making Organs (PMO)
The Hague	The Hague

We recall our previous request for clarification as contained in Note Verbale 41/2023 of 6 October 2023 from Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, and Note Verbale No. 44/2023 dated 26 October 2023 from Germany.

We would be grateful if the Technical Secretariat could circulate a copy of this Note Verbale to all States Parties and make it available on the OPCW public website and Catalyst as an official document to EC-105.

The Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the OPCW avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representation of Romania to the OPCW and to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 29 February 2024

