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**REQUEST FOR CIRCULATION OF A DOCUMENT
AT THE 106TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

The Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the OPCW has requested that a letter addressed to the Chairperson of the Executive Council of the OPCW be circulated as an official document of the 106th Session of the Executive Council.

Annex: Note Verbale from the Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW Dated 7 March 2024



Annex

**NOTE VERBALE FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE
RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT OF THE OPCW
DATED 7 MARCH 2024**



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

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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 and has the honour to request that it forward the enclosed letter from H.E. Ambassador V.E. Tarabrin, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the OPCW, to the Chairman of the Organisation's Executive Council, H.E. Ambassador L. Fătu, Permanent Representative of Romania to the OPCW.

The Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the OPCW also requests that the OPCW Technical Secretariat circulate a copy of said letter to States Parties as an official document of the 106th Session of the Executive Council and published on the Catalyst platform as well as the official OPCW website.

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

[signature]

The Hague, 7 March 2024



[official seal of the Russian
Embassy in the Netherlands]

**TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT
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PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
TO THE ORGANISATION FOR THE
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Mr Chairperson,

In response to the Note by the Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany (EC-105/NAT.6, dated 29 February 2024), circulated by the Technical Secretariat, the Russian Side hereby informs you that in response to communication number 41/2023 from the Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany (dated 6 October 2023) and number 44/2023 (dated 26 October 2023), the Russian Federation sent to the OPCW Technical Secretariat an answer that was detailed to the maximum (Note No. 38 by the Permanent Representation of Russia to the OPCW, dated 12 October 2023, and No. 39, dated 3 November 2023).

At the same time, we are regrettably forced to state that the Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany ignored the request from the Permanent Representation of Russia, based on the provisions in subparagraph 4(a), Article IX of the Chemical Weapons Convention (C-28/NAT.1, dated 3 November 2023, and EC-105/NAT.3, dated 7 November 2023). The Russian Federation never received an exhaustive reply regarding the grounds upon which Germany and the countries joining it—including Great Britain, Italy, Canada, the United States, France, and Japan—have launched against it

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unfounded accusations of violating Article I of the Convention. The commentary from Germany dated 26 October 2023 stating that it does not have in its possession any concrete information providing grounds for making such serious accusations of the Russian Federation's violation of Article I of the Convention has been met with extreme surprise and concern.

In this regard, the Russian Federation insists that the requirements set out in subparagraph 4(a), Article IX of the Convention be met, and awaits the information upon which these unsubstantiated accusations against the Russian Federation were based from those making the request of the Russian side under paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article IX of the Convention.

The Russian Side strongly requests that the Chairperson of the OPCW Executive Council uphold its rights under the Convention, and thus clear up the Russian Federation's objective doubts that Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Canada, the United States, France, Japan, Albania, the Czech Republic, North Macedonia, Poland, and the Netherlands are deliberately abusing the provisions of Article IX of the Convention.

The Russian Side also calls upon the Germany side to clarify the reason for which it and its allies are turning a blind eye to the crimes of the Kiev regime documented by the Russian Ministry of Defence and ignore the available open-source materials, including on the website of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 11 October 2023 and 29 February 2024. The Russian side strongly recommends reviewing these materials, which serve as evidence of the corresponding violations of the Convention by fighters of the Kiev regime and which have been distributed as part of the briefing by the Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation "in the margins" at the 105th Session of the OPCW Executive Council.

The Russian Federation is a conscientious Party to the Convention and strictly complies with this multilateral treaty. All the statements accusing the Russian Federation of allegedly using chemical riot control agents in the special military operation are propaganda-based ploys, and the evidence provided are fabrications meticulously orchestrated by the special services of Western countries.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest considerations.

[*Sincerely,*]

[signature] Vladimir TARABRIN

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