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**CIRCULATION OF NOTE VERBALE NO. NV/ODG-636/24
ADDRESSED TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION
OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC TO THE OPCW
DATED 9 DECEMBER 2024**

The Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) hereby circulates the attached note verbale as an official document of the Sixty-Sixth Meeting of the Executive Council.

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The Technical Secretariat (the "Secretariat") of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons ("OPCW") presents its compliments to the Permanent Representation of the Syrian Arab Republic to the OPCW and hereby wishes to convey the following requests related to the Syrian Arab Republic's chemical weapons dossier.

The Secretariat recalls that the Syrian Arab Republic acceded to the Chemical Weapons Convention (the "Convention") on 14 September 2013. The Convention entered into force for Syria on 14 October 2013. Within 30 days of the entry into force, and as set forth in the Convention, Syria declared its chemical weapons programme. Since then, for the past 11 years, the Syrian Arab Republic and the OPCW Secretariat have worked to clarify gaps, discrepancies, and inconsistencies in this initial declaration. During that same period, use of toxic chemicals as weapons in Syria has been documented and investigated by the OPCW Secretariat as well as by other independent international investigative bodies. To date, the work of verifying the Syrian initial declaration of its chemical weapons programme has continued, and this declaration still cannot be considered as accurate and complete.

In line with the above, the Secretariat reminds the Syrian Arab Republic of its continued obligations under the Convention and requests it to fulfil its obligations. Consequently, the Secretariat requests the Syrian Arab Republic once again to declare all sites and activities as listed in the Executive Council's decision EC-94/DEC.2, dated 9 July 2020, namely:

- declare to the Secretariat the facilities where the chemical weapons, including precursors, munitions, and devices, used in the 24, 25, and 30 March 2017 attacks were developed, produced, stockpiled, and operationally stored for delivery;

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- declare to the Secretariat all of the chemical weapons it currently possesses, including sarin, sarin precursors, and chlorine that is not intended for purposes not prohibited under the Convention, as well as chemical weapons production facilities and other related facilities; and
- resolve all of the outstanding issues regarding its initial declaration of its chemical weapons stockpile and programme.

Considering the aforementioned, as well as the rapid evolution of the political and security situation in the country and in line with Syria's obligations under the Convention, the Secretariat also requests updated information regarding:

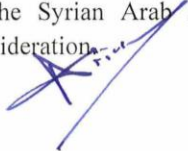
- The security and integrity of declared chemical weapons research, development, production, storage and testing sites/locations;
- Any movements, changes, or incidents involving materials and/or documentation from these sites/locations;
- Measures being implemented to ensure compliance with the Convention under the present conditions.

The Secretariat wishes to underscore the importance of maintaining transparency and adherence to the obligations set forth by the Convention to ensure the safety and security of all chemical weapons-related materials and facilities at all locations on the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Secretariat recalls that more than 11 years have passed since the Syrian Arab Republic's accession to the Chemical Weapons Convention. During that period, Syria has not provided enough substantiated information to close the Syrian chemical weapons dossier and use of toxic chemicals as weapons has taken place in Syria. In these circumstances, the Secretariat kindly requests best diligence in providing the OPCW with all information that will help resolve all outstanding issues.

In this connection, the Secretariat would appreciate Syria's timely response to the above. The Secretariat stands ready to engage further on these matters with the relevant Syrian authorities.

The Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representation of the Syrian Arab Republic to the OPCW the assurances of its highest consideration.



The Hague, 09 December 2024