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BENIN

**REQUEST FOR CIRCULATION OF A DOCUMENT
AT THE 109TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Benin to the OPCW has requested that Note Verbale No. 0812/APB/CM/RPA/S1 addressed to the Technical Secretariat, and Note Verbale No. 0813/APB/CM/RPA/S1 addressed to the Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany, both dated 16 June 2025, be circulated as an official document of the 109th Session of the Executive Council.

Annexes:

- Annex 1: Note Verbale No. 0812/APB/CM/RPA/S1 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Benin to the OPCW, Dated 16 June 2025
- Annex 2: Note Verbale No. 0813/APB/CM/RPA/S1 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Benin to the OPCW, Dated 16 June 2025



Annex 1

**NOTE VERBALE NO. 0812/APB/CM/RPA/S1 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF BENIN TO THE OPCW, DATED 16 JUNE 2025**

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NOTE VERBALE

The Paris-based Permanent Mission of the Republic of Benin to the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) in The Hague presents its compliments to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW and, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Article IX of the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Convention), has the honour to inform it of the following.

The Republic of Benin, recalling that the Convention strictly prohibits any use of chemical weapons, wishes to express its deep concern with regard to allegations which, if proved, would pose a serious threat to regional security, and to African countries in particular.

In this context, and in accordance with Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council of the OPCW, the Republic of Benin kindly requests the Director-General of the OPCW to include on the agenda of the 109th Session of the Council an item on the alarming reports of the alleged use of chemical weapons in the ongoing conflict in the Republic of the Sudan.

In this connection, Benin would like clarification on the following points:

- Have chemical weapons been used in the ongoing conflict in the Sudan?
- What guarantees are in place to ensure the independence, objectivity, and transparency of the national committee announced by the Sudanese authorities?
- Does the Sudan possess chemical weapons or is it aware of the presence of chemical weapons on its territory?

Moreover, the Republic of Benin requests that this note verbale be circulated to all of the States Parties to the Convention and published on the OPCW website and Catalyst platform as an official document of the 109th Session of the Executive Council.

The Paris-based Permanent Mission of the Republic of Benin to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW in The Hague thanks the Technical Secretariat for its kind cooperation and takes this opportunity to convey to it the renewed assurances of its highest consideration. [initials]

Paris, 16 June 2025
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**TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT OF THE ORGANISATION
FOR THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS (OPCW)
THE HAGUE**

Annex 2**NOTE VERBALE NO. 0813/APB/CM/RPA/S1 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF BENIN TO THE OPCW, DATED 16 JUNE 2025**

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The Republic of Benin, recalling that the Convention strictly prohibits any use of chemical weapons, wishes to express its deep concern with regard to allegations which, if proved, would pose a serious threat to regional security, and to African countries in particular.

In this context, the Republic of Benin kindly requests Ambassador Thomas Schieb, in his capacity as Chairperson of the Executive Council of the OPCW, to include on the agenda of the 109th Session of the Council an item on the alarming reports of alleged use of chemical weapons in the ongoing conflict in the Republic of the Sudan.

In this connection, Benin would like clarification on the following points:

- Have chemical weapons been used in the ongoing conflict in the Sudan?
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Paris, 16 June 2025
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**PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY TO THE OPCW
THE HAGUE**

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