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REPORT OF THE 109TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the session

The Chairperson of the Executive Council (the Council), Ambassador Thomas Schieb of Germany, opened the 109th Session of the Council in The Hague at 10:10 on 8 July 2025.

2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Adoption of the agenda

The Council **considered** and **adopted** the following agenda:

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Opening statement by the Director-General
4. Reports by the Vice-Chairpersons on the activities conducted under their respective clusters of issues
5. General debate
6. 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
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- (i) Article X: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat
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- 8. Countering chemical terrorism
- 9. Scientific Advisory Board
- 10. Emerging technologies
- 11. Draft annual report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention in 2024
- 12. Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight:
 - (a) Status of implementation of the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight in 2024
 - (b) Annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024
- 13. Administrative and financial matters:
 - (a) Nominations for membership of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
 - (b) Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
 - (c) Rules of Procedure of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
 - (d) Transfers of funds during 2024
 - (e) Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system
 - (f) Composition of the Technical Secretariat
 - (g) Implementation of the tenure policy
 - (h) Amendment to Interim Staff Rule 8.1.01(c) on the Staff Representative Body
- 14. The OPCW Programme for Africa

15. Follow-up to the Review Conferences¹
16. Credentials of representatives of the members of the Executive Council
17. Provisional agenda for the Thirtieth Session of the Conference of the States Parties
18. Draft report of the Executive Council on the performance of its activities
19. Dates for the regular sessions of the Executive Council in 2026
20. Appointment of the Director-General
21. Any other business
22. Adoption of the report
23. Closure

3. AGENDA ITEM THREE – Opening statement by the Director-General

The Council **noted** the opening statement by the Director-General (EC-109/DG.25, dated 8 July 2025).

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

- 4.1 The Vice-Chairpersons and coordinators for clusters of issues reported to the Council on informal consultations held during the intersessional period: Ambassador Hadi Farajvand of the Islamic Republic of Iran on chemical weapons issues; Ambassador Mohamed Basri of Morocco on chemical industry and other Article VI issues; Mr Jerzy Gierasimiuk of Poland on behalf of Ambassador Margareta Kassangana of Poland on administrative and financial issues; and Ambassador Jorge Carvajal of Chile on legal, organisational, and other issues.
- 4.2 The Chairperson briefed the Council on the activities carried out during the intersessional period.
- 4.3 The following facilitators also reported on consultations held during the intersessional period: Mr Paul Neville of the United States of America on the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight (OIO) and the External Auditor; Ms Lucía Rodríguez Fetzer of Guatemala on the implementation of the Action Plan for the Universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Convention); Ms Sandra Rodríguez of Peru on the progress report on the implementation of obligations under Article VII of the Convention; and Mr Jamal Nasir of Pakistan on the full implementation of Article XI of the Convention.
- 4.4 The Council **welcomed** the appointment of Ms Enikő Petőházi of Hungary as facilitator for assistance and protection against chemical weapons issues (Article X).

¹ Review Conference = Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – General debate

- 5.1 The following delegations made statements under this agenda item: Denmark (on behalf of the European Union and Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, and Ukraine), South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), Uganda (observer) (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China), Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia (observer), Australia (observer), Belgium, Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (observer), Brazil, Cameroon, Canada (observer), Chile, China, Colombia (observer), Costa Rica (observer), Cuba (observer), the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic (observer), Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia (observer), Finland (observer), France, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Hungary (observer), India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq (observer), Ireland (observer), Italy, Japan, Kenya (observer), Latvia (observer), Libya (observer), Lithuania, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Norway (observer), Pakistan, Panama, the Philippines (observer), Poland, Qatar (observer), the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation (observer), Saudi Arabia, Slovakia (observer), Slovenia (observer), South Africa, Spain, the State of Palestine (observer), the Sudan, Sweden (observer), Switzerland (observer), the Syrian Arab Republic (observer), Tunisia (observer), Türkiye (observer), Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (observer).
- 5.2 The following delegations exercised their right of the reply: Ukraine, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United States of America, and the Russian Federation (observer).

6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – Status of implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention

Subitem 6(a): Reports by the Director-General on destruction-related issues

- 6.1 Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6, dated 15 February 2012), the Council **considered** and **noted** a report by the Director-General on the overall progress with respect to the destruction of abandoned chemical weapons (EC-109/DG.21, dated 30 June 2025).

Subitem 6(b): Implementation of the Conference of the States Parties and Executive Council decisions on destruction-related issues

- 6.2 The Technical Secretariat (the Secretariat) provided an update to the Council on its destruction-related verification activities and on Article III-related submissions made during the intersessional period (the presentation was posted on the external server of the OPCW).
- 6.3 The delegation of Japan briefed the Council on its destruction-related activities (the presentation was posted on the external server of the OPCW). The delegation of China also briefed the Council on its destruction-related activities, and made a further statement.

- 6.4 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 Council decision EC-67/DEC.6, a national paper by China (EC-109/NAT.6, dated 10 June 2025) and a national paper by Japan (EC-109/NAT.7, dated 10 June 2025) on the overall progress of the destruction of chemical weapons abandoned by Japan on the territory of China were circulated to the members of the Council.
- 6.5 The Council **reaffirmed** the obligation to complete the destruction of all abandoned chemical weapons (ACW) in accordance with the provisions of the Convention and the relevant decisions of the Council by recalling that the Abandoning State Party shall provide all necessary financial, technical, expert, facility as well as other resources and that the Territorial State Party shall provide appropriate cooperation, **expressed its determination** to remain seized of the matter and **urged** the Abandoning State Party to continue to make the fullest possible effort to complete the destruction of chemical weapons abandoned by Japan on the territory of China as early as possible in accordance with the Council's decision (EC-67/DEC.6) and its annex 3 in a faithful manner, and to address challenges including ensuring the safety of people and protecting the environment.
- 6.6 The Council **recalled** that the Destruction Plan Beyond the Year 2022 for the Chemical Weapons Abandoned by Japan in the People's Republic of China (EC-101/DEC.2) stipulated the common recognition regarding the destruction of ACW with the Mobile Destruction Facility, the destruction of ACW in Haerbaling (Jilin Province), the destruction of other ACW, including consultation in making a medium- to long-term plan for the excavation of ACW, the consolidation of ACW storehouses, continuing to use its best efforts to collect and provide information on traces of ACW by the Abandoning State Party and continuing to hold consultations, and that the relevant States Parties jointly affirmed that they would accelerate in all aspects the destruction process and that their best efforts will be used towards the completion of the destruction of ACW as early as possible.
- 6.7 The Council **recalled** that the review of the destruction of ACW was welcomed by the Third Review Conference and the report of the Third Review Conference (RC-3/3*, dated 19 April 2013), which reaffirmed the role of the Council, the Conference of the States Parties (the Conference), and the Review Conference with regard to the issues related to ACW destruction as defined in the provisions of the Convention and in the Council's decision (EC-67/DEC.6), **welcomed** the review of this issue by the Fourth Review Conference, and **noted** the constructive discussion related to this issue at the Fifth Review Conference.
- 6.8 The Council **welcomed** that a total of seven on-site inspections to the ACW facilities had been successfully conducted in 2025.

Subitem 6(c): Elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme

- 6.9 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.

- 6.10 As stated in Note by the Director-General EC-81/DG.5 (dated 25 January 2016), all of the chemicals declared by the Syrian Arab Republic that had been removed from its territory in 2014 have been destroyed. The Secretariat has also verified the destruction of all 27 chemical weapons production facilities declared by the Syrian Arab Republic (EC-89/DG.1, dated 24 July 2018).
- 6.11 At its Sixty-Sixth Meeting, the Council noted a Note by the Secretariat (EC-M-66/S/1, dated 9 December 2024) circulating Note Verbale No. NV/ODG-636/24 addressed to the Permanent Representation of the Syrian Arab Republic to the OPCW on the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic in relation to the Syrian chemical weapons programme. The Council decided to remain seized of the matter.
- 6.12 The Secretariat provided a briefing to the States Parties on 23 May 2025 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.
- 6.13 The Council **noted** four reports by the Director-General reporting on progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme (EC-109/DG.2, dated 24 March 2025; EC-109/DG.3, dated 24 April 2025; EC-109/DG.9, dated 23 May 2025; and EC-109/DG.19, dated 24 June 2025).
- 6.14 The Secretariat circulated a Note by the Secretariat entitled “Estimated Costs of OPCW Mandated Activities to Resolve the Remaining Issues Surrounding the Syrian Chemical Weapons Programme” (S/2397/2025, dated 29 April 2025) and a Note by the Secretariat entitled “Call for Voluntary Contributions to Participate in Financing the OPCW Activities in the Syrian Arab Republic” (S/2413/2025, dated 5 June 2025).
- 6.15 The Director-General made a statement.
- 6.16 The delegation of the Syrian Arab Republic (observer) made a statement.
- 6.17 The following delegations also made statements: Denmark (on behalf of the European Union and Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, and Ukraine), New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada, and New Zealand), Germany, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Morocco, Guatemala, Ukraine, Saudi Arabia, the United States of America, Japan, France, Poland, Panama, China, the Czech Republic, Italy, Algeria, India, the Netherlands (observer), Norway (observer) (on behalf of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden), the Russian Federation (observer), Türkiye (observer), Slovakia (observer), Austria (observer), Hungary (observer), Malta (observer), and Estonia (observer).
- 6.18 The delegation of the Syrian Arab Republic (observer) made a further statement.
- 6.19 The Council **noted** a Note by the Director-General entitled “Report on the Work of the Declaration Assessment Team” (EC-109/HP/DG.1, dated 2 July 2025).

Subitem 6(d): Other verification-related issues

- 6.20 The Secretariat provided an update to the Council on its other verification-related activities (the presentation was posted on the external server of the OPCW).
- 6.21 Further to the decision of the Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session on the policy guidelines for determining the number of Article VI inspections (EC-66/DEC.10, dated 7 October 2011), the Council **noted** a Note by the Director-General on the results of the thirteenth year of implementation of these policy guidelines (EC-109/DG.1, dated 20 March 2025).

Subitem 6(e): Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use

- 6.22 The Council **noted** the regular report by the Director-General to the Council on progress made in the implementation of the decision of the Conference entitled “Addressing the Threat from Chemical Weapons Use” (C-SS-4/DEC.3, dated 27 June 2018) (EC-109/DG.23, dated 7 July 2025).
- 6.23 The following delegations made statements on this issue: Brazil, the Czech Republic, and China.
- 6.24 The Council received requests to obtain clarification from the Sudan in accordance with paragraph 4 of Article IX of the Convention, from Mauritania (EC-109/NAT.2, dated 4 June 2025), Chad (EC-109/NAT.3, dated 11 June 2025), and Benin (EC-109/NAT.5, dated 16 June 2025). In addition, Guinea-Bissau submitted a communication in support of the requests for clarification that were submitted by Chad and Mauritania (EC-109/NAT.4, dated 13 June 2025).
- 6.25 The requests from Mauritania, Chad, and Benin were forwarded by the Chairperson, on behalf of the Council, and through the Director-General, to the Sudan in accordance with subparagraph 4(a) of Article IX of the Convention, as well as the communication by Guinea-Bissau (EC-109/S/13, dated 17 June 2025).
- 6.26 The Council received clarifications from the Sudan pursuant to subparagraph 4(b) of Article IX of the Convention. In accordance with subparagraph 4(c) of Article IX of the Convention, the members of the Council were informed of the contents of the clarifications by the Sudan and the clarifications were forwarded to the respective requesting States Parties (EC-109/3, dated 23 June 2025).
- 6.27 The delegations of Mauritania (observer), Chad (observer), and Benin (observer) made statements on this issue.
- 6.28 The delegation of the Sudan delivered a statement.
- 6.29 The following delegations also made statements on this issue: Saudi Arabia, the United States of America, Brazil, Japan, France, China, Chile, South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), and the Russian Federation (observer).
- 6.30 The Director-General made a statement.

- 6.31 The Council **noted** the requests from Mauritania, Chad, and Benin, as well as the clarifications provided by the Sudan, and **decided** to remain seized of the matter.
- 6.32 The following delegations made statements on other issues: Denmark (on behalf of the European Union and Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, and Ukraine), Germany (on behalf of Germany and the Netherlands), France, the Czech Republic, Poland, China, Lithuania, the United States of America, Chile, Italy, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Ukraine, Japan, Algeria, Norway (observer) (on behalf of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden), Estonia (observer), the Russian Federation (observer), Cuba (observer), the Netherlands (observer), Austria (observer), Qatar (observer), and Canada (observer) (on behalf of Australia, Canada, and New Zealand).
- 6.33 The following delegations exercised their right of reply: the Russian Federation (observer), the Netherlands (observer), Canada (observer), and Austria (observer).
- 6.34 Upon the request of the delegation of the Russian Federation, Note Verbale No. 22 (dated 28 April 2025) was circulated to the members of the Council (EC-109/NAT.1, dated 28 April 2025).
- 6.35 The Secretariat circulated a Note Verbale No. NV/ODG/LAO-709/25 addressed to the Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the OPCW (dated 7 July 2025) (EC-109/S/15, dated 7 July 2025) in response to Note Verbale No. 61219/35-196/51-79775 from the Permanent Representation of Ukraine addressed to the Secretariat (dated 7 July 2025).
- 6.36 The Secretariat also circulated Note Verbale No. NV/ODG/LAO-288/25 addressed to the Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the OPCW (dated 7 July 2025) (EC-109/S/16, dated 7 July 2025) in response to Note Verbale No. 44 from the Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretariat (dated 7 July 2025).

Subitem 6(f): Timely submission of declarations under Article VI of the Chemical Weapons Convention

- 6.37 Further to a decision by the Council at its Fifty-First Session (EC-51/DEC.1, dated 27 November 2007), the Council **noted** a status report by the Director-General on the timely submission by States Parties of declarations under Article VI of the Convention for the period 1 January to 31 May 2025 (EC-109/DG.14, dated 23 June 2025).

Subitem 6(g): Article VII: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat

- 6.38 The Secretariat circulated a presentation on the status of implementation of Article VII (the presentation was posted on the external server of the OPCW).

Subitem 6(h): The content of the Protection and Assistance Databank and its use

- 6.39 The Council **considered** and **noted** a Note by the Secretariat on the content of the Protection and Assistance Databank and its use (EC-109/S/12, dated 5 June 2025).

Subitem 6(i): Article X: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat

- 6.40 The Secretariat circulated a presentation on the status of implementation of Article X (the presentation was posted on the external server of the OPCW).
- 6.41 The facilitator for this issue, Ms Enikő Petőházi of Hungary, reported on the consultations carried out during the intersessional period (the report was posted on the external server of the OPCW).

Subitem 6(j): Article XI: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat

- 6.42 The Secretariat circulated a presentation on the programme of activities for 2025 in relation to Article XI (the presentation was posted on the external server of the OPCW).

Subitem 6(k): Report by the Director-General on the Technical Secretariat's readiness to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use

- 6.43 The Council **considered** and **noted** a Note by the Director-General reporting on the readiness of the Secretariat to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use (EC-109/DG.22, dated 7 July 2025).

7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – OPCW Central Analytical Database

- 7.1 The Council **considered** 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-109/DG.4, dated 6 May 2025) and **adopted** a decision on the matter (EC-109/DEC.1, dated 8 July 2025).
- 7.2 The Council **considered** 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-109/DG.6, dated 6 May 2025) and **adopted** a decision on the matter (EC-109/DEC.2, dated 8 July 2025).
- 7.3 The Council **considered** a Note by the Director-General on lists of approved data recommended for removal from the OCAD (EC-109/DG.5, dated 6 May 2025) and **adopted** a decision on the matter (EC-109/DEC.3 dated 8 July 2025).

8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – Countering chemical terrorism

- 8.1 The Chairperson of the Open-Ended Working Group on Terrorism (OEWG-T), Ambassador Vusimuzi Philemon Madonsela of South Africa, briefed the Council on the work of the OEWG-T during the intersessional period (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).
- 8.2 The following delegations made statements: the Islamic Republic of Iran, Morocco, China, India, Algeria, the Russian Federation (observer), and Qatar (observer).
- 8.3 The delegation of Ukraine exercised its right of reply.

9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – Scientific Advisory Board

- 9.1 The report of the Thirty-Ninth Session of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) (SAB-39/1, dated 4 April 2025) was circulated to the members of the Council.
- 9.2 The Council **noted** the response by the Director-General to the report of the Thirty-Ninth Session of the SAB (EC-109/DG.12, dated 10 June 2025).

10. AGENDA ITEM TEN – Emerging technologies

- 10.1 The Secretariat circulated a Note entitled “Global Conference on the Role of Artificial Intelligence in Advancing the Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention: A Path Forward” (S/2360/2025, dated 29 January 2025).
- 10.2 The Secretariat briefed the Council on the status of work of the Temporary Working Group on Artificial Intelligence of the SAB.
- 10.3 The following delegations made statements: China, Morocco, India, the United States of America, Germany, Algeria, the Czech Republic, the Republic of Korea, France, and Qatar (observer).

11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Draft annual report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention in 2024

- 11.1 The Council **considered** the “Draft Report of the OPCW on the Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction in 2024” (EC-109/CRP.2, dated 30 June 2025).
- 11.2 The following delegations made statements: China, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and the Russian Federation (observer).
- 11.3 The Council **submitted** the draft report of the OPCW (EC-109/CRP.2) to the Conference for consideration at its Thirtieth Session.
- 11.4 The delegations of China and the Islamic Republic of Iran dissociated themselves from the submission to the Conference of the above-mentioned draft report in its current form.

12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight

- 12.1 The facilitator for the reports of the OIO and the External Auditor, Mr Paul Neville of the United States of America, reported to the Council on the consultations carried out during the intersessional period.

Subitem 12(a): Status of implementation of the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight in 2024

- 12.2 The Council **considered** and **noted** a Note by the Director-General on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the OIO in 2024 (EC-109/DG.7, dated 28 May 2025).

Subitem 12(b): Annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024

- 12.3 The Council **considered** and **noted** the annual report of the OIO for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024 (EC-109/DG.10* C-30/DG.3, dated 28 May 2025), which the Director-General submitted to it, along with his comments. In accordance with Financial Regulation 12.5, the Director-General transmitted the report to the Conference, together with his own comments and any other comments made by the Council, to the Conference at its Thirtieth Session.

13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – Administrative and financial matters

Subitem 13(a): Nominations for membership of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters

- 13.1 The Council **noted** a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters (ABAF) (EC-109/S/14, dated 7 July 2025), and **appointed** Mr Richard Martin-Nielsen of Canada for a first term with the ABAF, as of 10 July 2025.

Subitem 13(b): Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters

- 13.2 The Council **considered** and **noted** the report of the Fifty-Eighth Session of the ABAF, which took place from 3 to 6 June 2025 (ABAF-58/1, dated 5 June 2025), and a Note by the Director-General containing comments on the report of the ABAF at that session (EC-109/DG.20, dated 25 June 2025).

Subitem 13(c): Rules of Procedure of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters

- 13.3 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.
- 13.4 The latest revision to the above-mentioned draft decision (EC-92/DEC/CRP.1/Rev.7, dated 10 July 2024), co-sponsored by Bulgaria, Canada, the Czech Republic, Germany, Japan, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America, was circulated to the members of the Council.
- 13.5 The delegation of the United States of America made a statement.
- 13.6 The Council **decided** to defer the matter until a future regular session.

Subitem 13(d): Transfers of funds during 2024

- 13.7 The Council **noted** a Note by the Director-General on transfers of funds during 2024 (EC-109/DG.8 C-30/DG.2, dated 16 May 2025).

Subitem 13(e): Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system

- 13.8 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 **noted** a Note by the Director-General reporting on the status of implementation of the ERP system (EC-109/DG.13, dated 18 June 2025).

Subitem 13(f): Composition of the Technical Secretariat

- 13.9 The Council **noted** the Director-General's annual report on the composition of the Secretariat (EC-109/DG.16, dated 23 June 2025).

Subitem 13(g): Implementation of the tenure policy

- 13.10 The Council **considered** and **noted** a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2024 (EC-109/DG.18 C-30/DG.5, dated 23 June 2025).

Subitem 13(h): Amendment to Interim Staff Rule 8.1.01(c) on the Staff Representative Body

- 13.11 The Secretariat circulated a note on a proposed amendment to Interim Staff Rule 8.1.01(c) on the Staff Representative Body (EC-109/DG.11, dated 4 June 2025).
- 13.12 The Council **considered** and **adopted** a decision on the matter (EC-109/DEC.4, dated 8 July 2025).

14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – The OPCW Programme for Africa

The Council **considered** and **noted** a Note by the Director-General on the Programme to Strengthen Cooperation with Africa on the Chemical Weapons Convention (EC-109/DG.15 C-30/DG.4, dated 23 June 2025).

15. AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – Follow-up to the Review Conferences

- 15.1 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 under the symbol EC-103/WP.1 (dated 26 June 2023).
- 15.2 The delegation of the Netherlands (observer) made a statement.

16. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Credentials of representatives of the members of the Executive Council

The Council **considered** and **approved** a report by the Director-General on the credentials of representatives of members of the Council, which covers the credentials of the newly elected members of the Council (EC-109/DG.24, dated 8 July 2025).

17. AGENDA ITEM SEVENTEEN – Provisional agenda for the Thirtieth Session of the Conference of the States Parties

The Council **drew up** the provisional agenda for the Thirtieth Session of the Conference (EC-109/DG.17/Rev.1, dated 26 June 2025).

18. AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN – Draft report of the Executive Council on the performance of its activities

The Council **considered** and **approved** a draft report on the performance of its activities in the period from 12 May 2024 to 11 May 2025 (EC-109/CRP.1, dated 12 June 2025; and Corr.1, dated 4 July 2025), and **submitted** it to the Conference for consideration at its Thirtieth Session.

19. AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN – Dates for the regular sessions of the Executive Council in 2026

The Council **decided** that the 111th Session of the Council shall be held from 10 to 13 March 2026, that the 112th Session of the Council shall be held from 7 to 10 July 2026, and that the 113th Session of the Council shall be held from 6 to 9 October 2026.

20. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY – Appointment of the Director-General

20.1 In accordance with subparagraph 21(d) and paragraph 43 of Article VIII of the Convention, the Director-General of the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons shall be appointed by the Conference upon the recommendation of the Council for a term of four years, renewable for one further term, but not thereafter.

20.2 At its Twenty-Sixth Session, the Conference considered and adopted a decision renewing the appointment of the present Director-General for one further term of four years beginning on 25 July 2022 and ending on 24 July 2026 (C-26/DEC.9, dated 30 November 2021).

20.3 At the 108th Session of the Council, the Chairperson of the Council issued a Note entitled “Road Map for the Process of the Appointment of the Next Director-General in 2025” (EC-108/2, dated 7 February 2025).

20.4 At the same session, pursuant to Rule 48 of its Rules of Procedure, and considering that the Thirtieth Session will be the last regular session of the Conference before the expiry of the term of the present Director-General, the Council adopted a decision on the process for the appointment of the Director-General (EC-108/DEC.5, dated 6 March 2025).

- 20.5 In accordance with paragraph 2 of EC-108/DEC.5, on 10 March 2025 the Chairperson invited, on the Council's behalf, States Parties to present their nominations of candidates by no later than 16 May 2025.
- 20.6 The Secretariat circulated to the members of the Council notes on the nomination of candidates for the appointment to the position of Director-General by Bosnia and Herzegovina (EC-109/S/1, dated 10 March 2025); Ecuador (EC-109/S/2, dated 11 March 2025); Switzerland (EC-109/S/3, dated 17 March 2025); Hungary (EC-109/S/4, dated 18 March 2025); Estonia (EC-109/S/5, dated 25 March 2025); Costa Rica (EC-109/S/6, dated 2 April 2025); Ghana (EC-109/S/7, dated 8 April 2025); Romania (EC-109/S/8, dated 29 April 2025); Botswana (EC-109/S/9, dated 7 May 2025); Tunisia (EC-109/S/10, dated 15 May 2025); and Nigeria (EC-109/S/11, dated 15 May 2025).
- 20.7 The Chairperson of the Council issued a note entitled "Report on the Current Status of the Process of the Appointment of the next Director-General and Programme of Work for the Informal Sitting of the Executive Council on 7 July 2025" (EC-109/2, dated 26 June 2025).
- 20.8 On 7 July 2025, the candidates nominated by the Governments of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ecuador, Switzerland, Hungary, Estonia, Costa Rica, Ghana, Romania, Botswana, Tunisia, and Nigeria made presentations during an informal sitting of the Council attended by Council members and interested States Parties. Each presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session. Electronic copies of the candidates' presentations were posted on the external server of the OPCW.
- 20.9 The Chairperson provided an oral update to the Council on the process of the appointment of the next Director-General.
- 20.10 The following delegations made statements: China, India, Algeria, and the Russian Federation (observer).

21. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-ONE – Any other business

The following delegations made statements: the Republic of Korea (on behalf of Mexico, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Türkiye, and Australia (MIKTA)), Australia (observer) (on behalf of Australia, Canada, and New Zealand), and the Russian Federation (observer).

22. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-TWO – Adoption of the report

The Council **considered** and **adopted** the report of its 109th Session.

23. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-THREE – Closure

The Chairperson closed the session at 11:36 on 11 July 2025.