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**REQUEST FOR CIRCULATION OF A DOCUMENT
AT THE 110TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

The Embassy of the Republic of Chad to the Benelux countries and the European Union has requested that Note Verbale No. 0067/ATBEL/SD/2025, addressed to the Chairperson of the Executive Council, H.E. Ambassador Thomas Schieb, Permanent Representative of Germany to the OPCW, dated 14 July 2025, be circulated as an official document of the 110th Session of the Executive Council.

Annex: Note Verbale No. 0067/ATBEL/SD/2025 from the Embassy of the Republic of Chad to the Benelux countries and the European Union, Dated 14 July 2025



Annex

**NOTE VERBALE NO. 0067/ATBEL/SD/2025 FROM THE EMBASSY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CHAD TO THE BENELUX COUNTRIES AND THE EUROPEAN
UNION, DATED 14 JULY 2025**

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EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHAD

To the Benelux Countries

Permanent Representation to the European Union

and the ACP Group of States

No. 0067/ATBEL/SD/2025 [initials]

Brussels, 14 July 2025

The Embassy of the Republic of Chad to the Benelux countries and the European Union presents its compliments to H.E. Ambassador Thomas Schieb, Chairperson of the Executive Council of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and Permanent Representative of Germany to the OPCW.

In reference to the letter from the Chairperson of the Executive Council, L/PMO-610/2025 (dated 23 June 2025), including the response of the Republic of the Sudan (S/54/NV/OPCW/92, dated 22 June 2025) requested by the Republic of Chad (NV. 0050/ATBEL/SD/2025, dated 11 June 2025) in regard to the alleged use of chemical weapons in the Republic of the Sudan, the Embassy has the honour to submit the following:

After a careful review of the recent response of the Sudan to the request for clarification by Chad, the Republic of Chad, as a State Party to the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Convention), regrets to note that the aforementioned response does not contain the substantive elements required to respond to the gravity of the allegations made. The response by the Sudan is limited to a categorical denial of any knowledge of the use or deployment of chemical weapons by its armed forces (SAF), the rapid support forces (RSF), or any other group. The Sudanese Government merely affirms that it is “not aware” of any such acts and maintains that it has neither used nor deployed chemical weapons in the current conflict.

The Republic of Chad expresses its deep concern with regard to the absence of detailed information in this response. This premature denial raises serious questions as to the possible failure of the Sudan to assume responsibility or as to a worrying lack of control of the security situation on the ground.

Moreover, the Republic of Chad wishes to share its concerns regarding the credibility of the national committee established by the Sudan to investigate these allegations. While the Sudan has indicated that the committee is independent, the inclusion of security-related entities in the composition of the committee raises serious doubts as to its impartiality. The participation of the National Authority for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, which is located within and falls under the responsibility of the Sudanese Foreign Ministry, also raises questions as to this committee’s independence. The composition of the management board of the aforementioned Authority, which is exclusively made up of government representatives, raises similar concerns.

Furthermore, the Republic of Chad notes that no indication has been given about the Sudan’s engagement with the OPCW, nor about any possible authorisation of international observers. Since the Sudan states that it is “not aware” of any chemical weapons, the Republic of Chad considers it essential to have external supervision to verify this claim.

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In light of the foregoing, and in accordance with subparagraph 4(d) of Article IX of the Convention, the Republic of Chad respectfully requests that the OPCW take urgent measures to obtain further clarification from the Sudan and to ensure that the Sudan respects its obligations under the Convention. This request is being made in light of the seriousness of the situation and the insufficient nature of the response from the Sudanese Government.

On this basis, the Republic of Chad would be grateful if the Technical Secretariat could circulate a copy of this note verbale to all States Parties and post it on the OPCW public website and any other relevant platform as an official document of the 109th Session of the Executive Council (EC-109).

The Embassy of the Republic of Chad to the Benelux countries and the European Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Chairperson of the Executive Council and to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW the assurances of its highest consideration. [initial]

**Chairperson of the Executive Council
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of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)**

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