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NOTE BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

**WITHDRAWAL BY THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA OF A
CANDIDATE FOR THE APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF
DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

1. A Note by the Technical Secretariat (EC-109/S/7, dated 8 April 2025) was circulated to the members of the Executive Council (the Council), informing them of the nomination by the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Ghana to the OPCW of H.E. Ambassador Francis Danti Kotia as candidate for the position of Director-General of the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).
2. Further to that communication, the Embassy of the Republic of Ghana in The Hague informed the Chairperson, by Note Verbale HAG/OP/CW/1, dated 16 September 2025, that the candidacy of H.E. Ambassador Francis Danti Kotia for the position of Director-General has been withdrawn.
3. The above-mentioned note verbale is herewith circulated to the members of the Council.

Annex (English only):

Note Verbale No. HAG/OP/CW/1 from the Embassy of the Republic of Ghana in The Hague
Dated 16 September 2025



Annex

**NOTE VERBALE NO. HAG/OP/CW/1 FROM THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC
OF GHANA IN THE HAGUE DATED 16 SEPTEMBER 2025**

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The Embassy of the Republic of Ghana in The Hague presents its compliments to the Chairperson of the Executive Council of the OPCW and with reference to the straw poll held on Monday 15th September, 2025, has the honour to inform the latter that Ghana has decided to withdraw the candidature of His Excellency Mr. Francis Danti Kotia from the second round of the straw poll slated for Wednesday, 17 September, 2025, and from any subsequent rounds.

Ghana extends its appreciation to the Chairperson and the Secretariat for the facilitation of the processes leading to the straw poll.

Ghana further extends its profound appreciation to State Parties for the support received during the entire exercise for the appointment of the Director General of the OPCW.

The Embassy of the Republic of Ghana in The Hague avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Chairperson of the Executive Council the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 16th September, 2025

**THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
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