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**NOTE BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

**WITHDRAWAL BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF BOTSWANA OF A CANDIDATE FOR THE APPOINTMENT TO THE  
POSITION OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

1. A Note by the Technical Secretariat (EC-109/S/9, dated 7 May 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 Botswana to the OPCW of H.E. Ambassador Mmasekgoa Masire-Mwamba 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 Permanent Representation of the Republic of Botswana to the OPCW informed the Chairperson, by Note Verbale No. EB 288/2025 EB 5/2/2I (214) B4 dated 18 September 2025, that the candidacy of H.E. Ambassador Mmasekgoa Masire-Mwamba for the position of Director-General has been withdrawn.
3. At the request of the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Botswana to the OPCW, the above-mentioned note verbale is herewith circulated to the members of the Council.

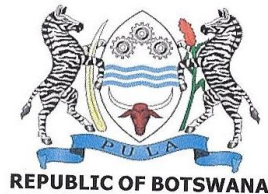
Annex (English only):

Note Verbale No. EB 288/2025 EB 5/2/2I (214) B4 from the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Botswana to the OPCW Dated 18 September 2025



**Annex**

**NOTE VERBALE NO. EB 288/2025 EB 5/2/2I (214) B4 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA TO THE OPCW DATED 18 SEPTEMBER 2025**



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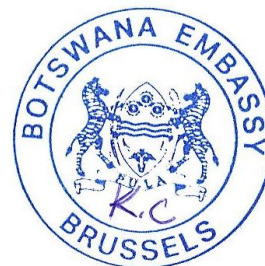
The Permanent Representation of the Republic of Botswana to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) presents its compliments to the Chairperson of the Executive Council (Council), H.E. Ambassador Thomas Schieb of Germany, and with reference to its Note Verbale EB 67/2025 EB 5/2/2 I (95) B4 dated 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025, has the honour to inform that the Republic of Botswana has decided to withdraw the candidacy of Her Excellency Ms Mmasekgoa Masire-Mwamba, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Botswana to the OPCW for the position of Director-General of the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW.

The Permanent Representation kindly requests that this Note Verbale be circulated to the members of the Council as an official series document.

The Permanent Representation of the Republic of Botswana to the OPCW avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Chairperson of the Council the assurances of its highest consideration.

**Brussels, 18 September 2025**

**H.E. Ambassador Thomas Schieb**  
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**CC: Technical Secretariat of the OPCW**