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

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

1. A Note by the Technical Secretariat (EC-109/S/6, dated 2 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 Costa Rica to the OPCW of H.E. Ambassador Arnaldo Brenes Castro 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 Costa Rica to the OPCW informed the Chairperson, by Note Verbale No. ECRNL-2025-355 dated 18 September 2025, that the candidacy of H.E. Ambassador Arnaldo Brenes Castro for the position of Director-General has been withdrawn.
3. At the request of the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Costa Rica to the OPCW, the above-mentioned note verbale is herewith circulated to the members of the Council.

Annex (English only):

Note Verbale No. ECRNL-2025-355 from the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Costa Rica to the OPCW Dated 18 September 2025



**Annex**

**NOTE VERBALE NO. ECRNL-2025-355 FROM THE PERMANENT  
REPRESENTATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA TO THE OPCW  
DATED 18 SEPTEMBER 2025**



**EMBAJADA DE LA REPÚBLICA DE COSTA RICA  
EN EL REINO DE LOS PAÍSES BAJOS**

ECRNL-2025-355

The Permanent Representation of the Republic of Costa Rica to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) presents its compliments to the Chairperson of the Executive Council, H.E Ambassador Thomas Schieb of Germany, with reference to its Note Verbal ECRNL-2025-082, dated 02 April 2025 and wishes to inform the following:


In order to contribute to the most expedient process for the adoption of a consensual recommendation of a single candidate for the position of Director-General, Costa Rica has decided to withdraw the candidacy of H.E Ambassador Arnaldo Brenes Castro for the position of Director - General of the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW.

The Permanent Representation of Costa Rica expresses its gratitude to the Technical Secretariat for the organization and guidance provided throughout the process for the appointment of the Director-General and conveys Costa Rica's appreciation, as well as the personal gratitude of Ambassador Brenes Castro, to the States Parties for their support demonstrated during the different phases of the process.

The Permanent Representation of Costa Rica 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 Costa Rica to the OPCW avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Chairperson of the Council, H.E Ambassador Thomas Schieb of Germany, the assurances of its highest consideration.



 The Hague, 18 September 2025

**TO THE  
CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
ORGANIZATION FOR THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS  
The Hague**