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1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the session

The 110th Session of the Council will be opened in The Hague by the Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Thomas Schieb of Germany, at 10:00 on 7 October 2025.

2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Adoption of the agenda

The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt the following agenda, which has been circulated under cover of EC-110/2 (dated 15 September 2025).

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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- (e) Verification Implementation Report for 2024
 - (f) Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use
 - (g) Status of implementation of Article VII
 - (h) Status of implementation of Article XI
 - (i) Status of implementation of the International Support Network for Victims of Chemical Weapons
 - (j) Progress made in the implementation of the action plan for the universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention
 - (k) Status of implementation of the Verification Information System
- 7. Countering chemical terrorism
 - 8. Education and outreach
 - 9. Emerging technologies
 - 10. Administrative and financial matters:
 - (a) Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
 - (b) Financial Statements of the OPCW and report of the External Auditor for the year ending 31 December 2024
 - (c) Status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor
 - (d) Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system
 - (e) Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2026-2027, and all items pertaining to this Budget, including relevant special funds and the 2023 LMR² balance
 - (f) Multi-year payment plans to regularise the payment by some States Parties of their outstanding annual contributions
 - (g) Implementation of the amendment to the Staff Regulations regarding downward classification of posts during the period 14 August 2024 to 13 August 2025
 - (h) Amendments to the Interim Staff Rules of the OPCW

11. Follow-up to the Review Conferences³
12. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country
13. Appointment of the Director-General
14. Any other business
15. Adoption of the report
16. Closure

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

The Council is **requested** to note the opening statement by the Director-General (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

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

The Vice-Chairpersons and coordinators for clusters of issues will report 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; Ambassador Margareta Kassangana of Poland on administrative and financial issues; and Ambassador Jorge Carvajal of Chile on legal, organisational, and other issues.

5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – General debate

With respect to the general debate, delegations are invited to consult the “Practical Information for Delegates” on the iMeet portal (<https://catalyst.opcw.org/sites/imeet>).

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 is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the overall progress with respect to the destruction of abandoned chemical weapons (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

³ Review Conference = Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

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

- 6.2 The Secretariat is expected to provide an update to the Council on its destruction-related verification activities and on Article III-related submissions made during the intersessional period.
- 6.3 The States Parties concerned are expected to brief the Council on their destruction-related activities.
- 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 the Council's decision EC-67/DEC.6, a national paper by China (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations) and a national paper by Japan (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations) on the overall progress of the destruction of chemical weapons abandoned by Japan on the territory of China have been circulated to the members of the Council.
- 6.5 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the information by the delegation of the Netherlands on its destruction-related activities (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

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

- 6.6 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.
- 6.7 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.
- 6.8 The Council is **requested** to note reports by the Director-General reporting on progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme (EC-110/DG.2, dated 24 July 2025; and EC-110/DG.5, dated 25 August 2025).
- 6.9 The Secretariat circulated two notes by the Secretariat entitled "Review of Chemical Weapons Destruction Technologies and an Outline Plan for Their Selection in Support of the Destruction, Including Expedited Destruction, of Syrian Chemical Weapons Subject to Verification by the Technical Secretariat" (S/2428/2025, dated 24 July 2025) and "Elimination of the Syrian Chemical Weapons Programme – Status Update" (S/2433/2025, dated 7 August 2025).
- 6.10 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General entitled "Report on the Work of the Declaration Assessment Team" (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

- 6.11 The Secretariat is expected to provide a briefing to the States Parties in advance of the 110th Session of the Council on its activities related to the Syrian Arab Republic.

Subitem 6(d): Other verification-related issues

- 6.12 The Secretariat is expected to provide an update to the Council on its other verification-related activities.

Subitem 6(e): Verification Implementation Report for 2024

- 6.13 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the Verification Implementation Report for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024 and its confidential Annex (EC-110/DG.3 and EC-110/HP/DG.1, both dated 25 July 2025).

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

- 6.14 The Council is **requested** to note the regular report by the Director-General to the Council on progress made in the implementation of the decision of the Conference of the States Parties (the Conference) entitled “Addressing the Threat from Chemical Weapons Use” (C-SS-4/DEC.3, dated 27 June 2018) (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).
- 6.15 At its 109th Session, the Council noted the requests to obtain clarification from the Sudan in accordance with paragraph 4 of Article IX of the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Convention), from Mauritania, Chad, and Benin, as well as the clarifications provided by the Sudan pursuant to subparagraph 4(b) of the Article IX of the Convention, and decided to remain seized of the matter (paragraphs 6.24 to 6.26 and 6.31 of EC-109/6 (dated 11 July 2025)).
- 6.16 Upon the request of delegation of Chad, Note Verbale No. 0067/ATBEL/SD/2025 (dated 14 July 2025) was circulated to the members of the Council (EC-110/NAT.1, dated 14 July 2025). Note Verbale No. 0070/ATBEL/SD/2025 (dated 23 July 2025) from Chad was also circulated to the members of the Council (EC-110/NAT.2, dated 23 July 2025).

Subitem 6(g): Status of implementation of Article VII

- 6.17 Further to a decision by the Conference at its Fourteenth Session regarding the implementation of Article VII obligations (C-14/DEC.12, dated 4 December 2009), the Council is **requested** to note a report by the Director-General on the “Overview of the Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2025” (EC-110/DG.6 C-30/DG.7, dated 26 August 2025); a report by the Director-General on the “Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2025: Initial Measures” (EC-110/DG.7 C-30/DG.8, dated 26 August 2025); and a report by the Director-General on the “Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2025: Additional Measures for States Parties That Possess Industrial Facilities Which Are Declarable under the Convention” (EC-110/DG.8 C-30/DG.9, dated 26 August 2025). The Council is also **requested** to submit the documents to the Conference at its Thirtieth Session, along with its recommendations, as appropriate, for consideration.

Subitem 6(h): Status of implementation of Article XI

- 6.18 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the “Progress Made and Review of the Status of Implementation of Article XI of the Chemical Weapons Convention” (EC-110/DG.10 C-30/DG.10, dated 1 September 2025).

Subitem 6(i): Status of implementation of the International Support Network for Victims of Chemical Weapons

- 6.19 The Conference at its Sixteenth Session endorsed a proposal for the establishment of the International Support Network for Victims of Chemical Weapons and the establishment of a voluntary trust fund for this purpose (C-16/DEC.13, dated 2 December 2011). It requested the Director-General to report every two years, through the Council, to the Conference at its regular sessions on the status of implementation of this decision (paragraph 5 of C-16/DEC.13). The Council is **requested** to note the report by the Director-General on the status of implementation of the International Support Network for Victims of Chemical Weapons (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

Subitem 6(j): Progress made in the implementation of the action plan for the universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention

- 6.20 The Council at its Twenty-Third Meeting adopted an action plan for the universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Convention) (EC-M-23/DEC.3, dated 24 October 2003). The plan requested the Director-General, inter alia, to submit to the Conference at its regular sessions an annual report on the implementation of the action plan, and to keep the Council regularly informed, so that the Conference and the Council may review progress and monitor its implementation effectively.
- 6.21 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the annual report on the implementation of the action plan for the universality of the Convention during the period 16 August 2024 to 15 August 2025, which is being submitted to both the Council and the Conference (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

Subitem 6(k): Status of implementation of the Verification Information System

- 6.22 The Council is **requested** to note a status report on the Verification Information System (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Countering chemical terrorism

The Chairperson of the Open-Ended Working Group on Terrorism (OEWG-T), Ambassador Vusimuzi Philemon Madonsela of South Africa, is expected to brief the Council on the work of the OEWG-T during the intersessional period.

8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – Education and outreach

The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Director-General on the activities of the Advisory Board on Education and Outreach covering the period 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025 (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – Emerging technologies

9.1 The Secretariat circulated a note by entitled “Workshop on Artificial Intelligence and Chemical Safety and Security Management: Outcomes and Key Findings” (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

9.2 The Secretariat is expected to brief the Council on the status of work of the temporary working groups of the Scientific Advisory Board with respect to emerging technologies.

10. AGENDA ITEM TEN – Administrative and financial matters

Subitem 10(a): Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters

10.1 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the report of the Fifty-Ninth Session of the ABAF, which took place from 22 to 25 July 2025 (ABAF-59/1, dated 25 July 2025), and a Note by the Director-General containing comments on the report of the ABAF at that session (EC-110/DG.9, dated 27 August 2025).

Subitem 10(b): Financial Statements of the OPCW and report of the External Auditor for the year ending 31 December 2024

10.2 The Council is **requested** to note the Financial Statements of the OPCW and report of the External Auditor for the year ending 31 December 2024 (EC-110/DG.11 C-30/DG.11, dated 11 September 2025) and to forward them to the Conference for consideration at its Thirtieth Session.

10.3 The Comptroller and Auditor General of India is expected to provide a statement on the report.

Subitem 10(c): Status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor

10.4 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

10.5 The facilitator for this issue, Ms Shiho Bamba of Japan, is expected to report to the Council on the consultations carried out during the intersessional period.

Subitem 10(d): Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system

- 10.6 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 is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General reporting on the status of implementation of the ERP system (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

Subitem 10(e): Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2026-2027, and all items pertaining to this Budget, including relevant special funds and the 2023 LMR balance

- 10.7 Under this subitem the Secretariat circulated a Note by the Director-General entitled “Financial Status of the Special Fund for Cybersecurity, Business Continuity, and Physical Infrastructure Security” (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations), which the Council is requested to note.
- 10.8 The co-facilitators for the Budget, Mr Jerzy Gierasimiuk of Poland and Mr Jorge Francisco de la Lama Rebollo of Mexico, are expected to report on the consultations held during the intersessional period.
- 10.9 In accordance with subparagraph 32(a) of Article VIII of the Convention, the Council is requested to consider the Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2026-2027 (EC-110/CRP.1, dated 7 August 2025) and to submit it, together with its recommendation (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations), to the Conference at its Thirtieth Session.
- 10.10 The Medium-Term Plan of the OPCW for the period 2025 to 2028 (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations) has been circulated to the members of the Council.

Subitem 10(f): Multi-year payment plans to regularise the payment by some States Parties of their outstanding annual contributions

- 10.11 Further to a decision by the Conference at its Eleventh Session (C-11/DEC.5, dated 7 December 2006), the Council is requested to consider and forward to the Conference at its Thirtieth Session a Note by the Director-General reporting on the status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans (EC-110/DG.1 C-30/DG.6, dated 23 July 2025).

Subitem 10(g): Implementation of the amendment to the Staff Regulations regarding downward classification of posts during the period 14 August 2024 to 13 August 2025

- 10.12 The Council is **requested** to note a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the amendment to the Staff Regulations regarding downward classification of posts during the period 14 August 2024 to 13 August 2025 (EC-110/DG.4, dated 19 August 2025).

Subitem 10(h): Amendments to the Interim Staff Rules of the OPCW

- 10.13 The Secretariat circulated a note on proposed amendments to the Interim Staff Rules of the OPCW (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).
- 10.14 The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt a decision on the matter (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Follow-up to the Review Conferences

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 to the Council at its 103rd Session under the symbol EC-103/WP.1 (dated 26 June 2023).

12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The Chairperson is expected to report to the Council on the status of the work of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – Appointment of the Director-General

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 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).
- 13.3 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) (the Road Map).
- 13.4 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).
- 13.5 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.

- 13.6 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).
- 13.7 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).
- 13.8 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.
- 13.9 Further to paragraphs 11 to 14 of the Road Map, the Chairperson issued a note entitled “Guidelines for the Process and Conduct of Straw Polls for the Appointment of the Next Director-General” (EC 110/1, dated 25 July 2025).
- 13.10 The Chairperson of the Council is expected to brief the Council on the outcome of the straw polling process.
- 14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Any other business**
- 15. AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – Adoption of the report**
- 16. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Closure**