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NOTE BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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

1. A Note by the Technical Secretariat (EC-109/S/11, dated 15 May 2025) was circulated to the members of the Executive Council (the Council), informing them of the nomination by the Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the OPCW of H.E. Ambassador Eniola Ajayi 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 Federal Republic of Nigeria to the OPCW informed the Chairperson, by Note Verbale No. HI/NV/113/2025 dated 7 October 2025, that the candidacy of H.E. Ambassador Eniola Ajayi for the position of Director-General has been withdrawn.
3. At the request of the Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the OPCW, the above-mentioned note verbale is herewith circulated to the members of the Council.

Annex (English only):

Note Verbale No. HI/NV/113/2025 from the Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the OPCW Dated 7 October 2025



Annex

**NOTE VERBALE NO. HI/NV/113/2025 FROM THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA TO THE OPCW
DATED 7 OCTOBER 2025**



NO. **HI/NV/113/2025**

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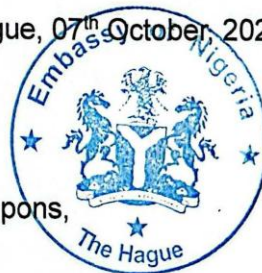
The Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), presents its compliments to the Chairperson of the Executive Council, H.E. Ambassador Thomas Schieb of Germany, and with reference to the former's Note Verbale No. HI/NV/27/2025, dated 15th May 2025, has the honour to inform that the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has decided to withdraw the candidacy of Ambassador (Dr.) Eniola Olaitan Ajayi 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 Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Chairperson of the Council the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 07th October 2025.

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CC: Technical Secretariat of the OPCW