

## **Conference of the States Parties**

Thirtieth Session 24 – 28 November 2025

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# ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRTIETH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES 24 – 28 NOVEMBER 2025

This annotated provisional agenda<sup>1</sup> has been prepared by the Technical Secretariat (the Secretariat) to guide and assist Member States in their substantive preparations for the Thirtieth Session of the Conference of the States Parties (the Conference). It lists the items of business for the session in the sequence in which they appear in the provisional agenda set out for it (see paragraph 4 below) (C-30/2, dated 8 July 2025).

# 1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the session

- 1.1 The Conference at its Twenty-Sixth Session decided to hold its Thirtieth Session from 24 to 28 November 2025 (paragraph 25.3 of C-26/5, dated 2 December 2021). The Thirtieth Session will open on 24 November 2025 at 10:00 in the King Willem-Alexander Theater in the World Forum in The Hague. The Chairperson of the Conference for its Twenty-Ninth Session, Ambassador Almir Šahović of Bosnia and Herzegovina, will open the Thirtieth Session.
- 1.2 In accordance with Rule 30 of its Rules of Procedure, the Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the attendance and participation by non-signatory States (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).
- 1.3 In accordance with Rules 31 and 32 of its Rules of Procedure, the Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the attendance and participation by international organisations, specialised agencies, and other international bodies (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).
- 1.4 In accordance with the recommendations of the Third Review Conference<sup>2</sup> (RC-3/3\*, dated 19 April 2013), the Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on attendance and participation by the chemical industry and the scientific community (C-30/DEC/CRP.2, dated 28 October 2025).

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



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1.5 In accordance with Rule 33 of its Rules of Procedure, the Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on attendance and participation by non-governmental organisations (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

## 2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Election of the Chairperson

In accordance with paragraph 15 of Article VIII of the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Convention) and Rules 34 and 35 of its Rules of Procedure, the Conference is **requested** to elect at the beginning of each regular session its Chairperson, who shall hold office until a new Chairperson is elected at the next regular session.

#### 3. AGENDA ITEM THREE – Election of Vice-Chairpersons and other officers

In accordance with Rule 34 and 35 of its Rules of Procedure, the Conference is **requested** to elect 10 Vice-Chairpersons, the Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole, and such other officers as it may decide, having due regard to equitable geographical representation; these officers shall hold office until their successors are elected at its next regular session.

## 4. AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, any request for the inclusion in the agenda of supplementary items must be received not later than 30 days before the date set for the opening of any regular session. As the Director-General had not received any such request by 25 October 2025, the Conference is **requested**, subject to the recommendation of the General Committee, to approve the following agenda, which was circulated under cover of C-30/2.

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AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-EIGHT - Closure

## 5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – Organisation of work and establishment of subsidiary bodies

- 5.1 The Conference is **requested** to consider such recommendations as the General Committee may make to it in accordance with Rule 43(b) of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, and to take such action as it deems appropriate.
- 5.2 The Chairperson of the Open-Ended Working Group on the current implementation of the rules governing elections of members of the Executive Council (the Council), Ambassador Almir Šahović of Bosnia and Herzegovina, is expected to report to the Conference on its activities.

## 6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – Appointment of the Credentials Committee

In accordance with Rule 27 of its Rules of Procedure, the Conference, on the proposal of its Chairperson, is **requested** to appoint 10 members of the Credentials Committee, to hold office until new members are appointed at the next regular session of the Conference. The Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials of all representatives and report without delay to the Conference.

## 7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Opening statement by the Director-General

The Conference 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).

#### 8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – General debate

With respect to the general debate, delegations are invited to consult the "Practical Information for Delegates" on the iMeet portal (<a href="https://catalyst.opcw.org/sites/imeet">https://catalyst.opcw.org/sites/imeet</a>) and on Indico (<a href="https://indico.un.org/e/CSP-30">https://indico.un.org/e/CSP-30</a>).

# 9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – Status of implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention

Subitem 9(a): Progress report on the implementation of the plan of action regarding the implementation of Article VII obligations

9.1 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 Conference is **requested** to consider and 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).

# Subitem 9(b): Implementation of the regime governing the handling of confidential information by the Technical Secretariat in 2024

9.2 The Conference is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the regime governing the handling of confidential information by the Secretariat in 2024 (EC-108/DG.6 C-30/DG.1, dated 4 February 2025).

# Subitem 9(c): Implementation of the Conference of the States Parties and Executive Council decisions on destruction-related issues

9.3 The States Parties concerned are expected to provide an update to the Conference on their destruction-related activities.

#### Subitem 9(d): Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use

- 9.4 The Conference at its Fourth Special Session adopted a decision entitled "Addressing the Threat from Chemical Weapons Use" (C-SS-4/DEC.3, dated 27 June 2018). Since the previous regular session of the Conference, and pursuant to paragraph 24 of the above-mentioned decision, the following documents were circulated to the Council: EC-108/DG.14 (dated 3 March 2025); EC-109/DG.23 (dated 7 July 2025); and EC-110/DG.19 (dated 6 October 2025).
- 9.5 At its Twenty-Fifth Session, the Conference adopted a decision entitled "Addressing the Possession and Use of Chemical Weapons by the Syrian Arab Republic" (C-25/DEC.9, dated 21 April 2021). Since the previous regular session of the Conference, and pursuant to paragraph 8 of the above-mentioned decision, the following documents have been circulated to the Council: EC-108/DG.3 (dated 24 December 2024); EC-108/DG.4 (dated 24 January 2025); EC-108/DG.10 (dated 24 February 2025); EC-109/DG.2 (dated 24 March 2025); EC-109/DG.3 (dated 24 April 2025); EC-109/DG.9 (dated 23 May 2025); EC-109/DG.19 (dated 24 June 2025); EC-110/DG.2 (dated 24 July 2025); EC-110/DG.5 (dated 25 August 2025); EC-110/DG.15 (dated 24 September 2025); and EC-111/DG.1 (dated 23 October 2025).
- 9.6 At its Twenty-Eighth Session, the Conference adopted a decision entitled "Addressing the Threat from Chemical Weapons Use and the Threat of Future Use" (C-28/DEC.12, dated 30 November 2023). The Secretariat continues to report on the elements in the decision in accordance with existing reporting obligations, including through the reports listed above.

# Subitem 9(e): Status of Implementation of the International Support Network for Victims of Chemical Weapons

- 9.7 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.
- 9.8 At its 110th Session, the Council noted the report by the Director-General on the status of implementation of the International Support Network for Victims of Chemical Weapons (EC-110/DG.14 C-30/DG.13, dated 24 September 2025). The Conference is **requested** to note this report.

# 10. AGENDA ITEM TEN – Annual report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention in 2024

The Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt the draft report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Convention in 2024 (EC-109/5 C-30/CRP.1, dated 10 July 2025), which was considered and submitted to it by the Council at its 109th Session.

# 11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Annual report of the Executive Council on the performance of its activities

- 11.1 The Conference is **requested** to note the annual report of the Council on the performance of its activities for the period from 12 May 2024 to 11 May 2025, its Attachment entitled "Note by the Technical Secretariat: The Destruction of Chemical Weapons Abandoned by Japan in the People's Republic of China", and its Annex entitled "Actions Taken by the Conference of the States Parties at its Twenty-Ninth Session in Response to Recommendations Made by the Executive Council" (EC-109/4 C-30/1, dated 8 July 2025).
- 11.2 The report will be introduced by the Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Thomas Schieb of Germany, who will also brief the Conference on any developments that have taken place since the cut-off date for the report.

# 12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – Election of Member States to membership in the Executive Council

In accordance with paragraph 23 of Article VIII of the Convention and with Rule 83 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, the Conference is **requested** to elect 20 members to serve on the Council for a term of two years, starting on 12 May 2026. To ensure that the Council is constituted in accordance with paragraph 23 of Article VIII, the regional distribution of the elective places to be filled is to be as follows:

Africa: four elective places

Asia and the Pacific: four elective places

Eastern Europe: three elective places

Latin America and the Caribbean: four elective places

Western Europe and Other States: five elective places

# 13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – Biennial Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2026 and 2027, submitted by the Executive Council, and all items pertaining to this Budget

- 13.1 At its 110th Session, the Council noted a Note by the Director-General entitled "Financial Status of the Special Fund for Cybersecurity, Business Continuity, and Physical Infrastructure Security" (EC-110/DG.12, dated 17 September 2025).
- 13.2 In accordance with subparagraph 32(a) of Article VIII of the Convention, the Council at its 110th Session considered the Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2026–2027 (EC-110/CRP.1/Rev.1, dated 7 October 2025) and submitted it, together with its recommendation, to the Conference at its Thirtieth Session (EC-110/DEC.2, dated 9 October 2025).
- 13.3 The Conference is **requested**, pursuant to subparagraph 21(a) of Article VIII of the Convention and Regulation 3.7(a) of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, to consider and adopt a decision on the Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2026–2027 (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

13.4 The Medium-Term Plan of the OPCW for the period 2025 to 2028 (EC-110/S/3 C-30/S/1, dated 3 October 2025) has been circulated to the Member States.

#### 14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Scale of assessments for 2026

The Conference is **requested** to adopt, pursuant to Regulations 3.7(b) and 5.2 of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, a draft decision on the scale of assessments to be paid by States Parties for the financial year 2026 (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

# 15. AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – External Auditor's report on the audited Financial Statements of the OPCW and the Provident Fund for 2024

At its 110th Session, the Council noted the Financial Statements of the OPCW and the report of the External Auditor for the year ending 31 December 2024 (EC-110/DG.11 C-30/DG.11, dated 11 September 2025). In accordance with Regulation 13.10 of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, the report was forwarded to the Conference, which is **requested** to note it.

#### 16. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Administrative and financial matters

# Subitem 16(a): Multi-year payment plans to regularise the payment by some States Parties of their outstanding annual contributions

- 16.1 At its Eleventh Session, the Conference adopted a decision (C-11/DEC.5, dated 7 December 2006) on a mechanism to encourage States Parties that are in arrears to regularise the payment of their outstanding annual contributions through the use of multi-year payment plans, requesting the Secretariat to submit a report to it each year, through the Council, on the status of implementation of agreed multi-year payment plans as at the end of the quarter that falls immediately before the session of the Council that precedes the session of the Conference.
- The Conference is **requested** to consider and note 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) which the Council, at its 110th Session, considered and forwarded to it pursuant to the above-mentioned decision.

# **Subitem 16(b):** Transfers of funds during 2024

In accordance with Regulation 4.5 of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, all transfers between budget programmes shall be reported to the Conference. The Conference is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General on this matter (EC-109/DG.8 C-30/DG.2, dated 16 May 2025).

## Subitem 16(c): Annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight for 2024

16.4 In accordance with Regulation 12.5 of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, the Director-General transmitted to the Conference, through the Council, the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024, and the accompanying Note by the Director-General (EC-109/DG.10\* C-30/DG.3, dated 28 May 2025), along with his own comments and any other comments made by the Council. The Conference is **requested** to note this report.

## Subitem 16(d): Tenure policy

- 16.5 At its Twenty-Eighth Session, the Conference adopted a decision entitled "Amendment of the OPCW Tenure Policy" (C-28/DEC.10, dated 30 November 2023). The Council, at its 108th Session, adopted a decision entitled "Amendment of the OPCW Tenure Policy to Allow Rehiring on an Exceptional Basis" (EC-108/DEC.4, dated 6 March 2025).
- 16.6 Pursuant to the above-mentioned decisions, the Conference is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2024 (EC-109/DG.18 C-30/DG.5, dated 23 June 2025).

# **Subitem 16(e):** Implementation of the Action Plan on Geographical Representation

- 16.7 At its Twenty-Eighth Session, the Conference adopted a decision entitled "Action Plan on Geographical Representation" (C-28/DEC.11, dated 30 November 2023), and tasked the Secretariat with submitting an implementation programme to the Council with a view to its adoption at its 105th Session. The Conference further decided to review, at its Twenty-Ninth Session and annually thereafter, the progress made by the Secretariat and the States Parties in the implementation of the action plan.
- 16.8 At its 105th Session, the Council, in its decision on the "Implementation of the Action Plan on Geographical Representation" (EC-105/DEC.3, dated 7 March 2024), adopted the deliverables proposed by the Secretariat as contained in Note by the Secretariat EC-105/S/6 (dated 26 February 2024).
- 16.9 The Conference is **requested** to note the "Annual Report on the Implementation of the Action Plan on Geographical Representation" (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

# 17. AGENDA ITEM SEVENTEEN – Fostering of international cooperation for peaceful purposes in the field of chemical activities

- 17.1 The Conference at its Sixteenth Session adopted a decision regarding components of an agreed framework for the full implementation of Article XI of the Convention (C-16/DEC.10, dated 1 December 2011), and requested the Secretariat to report to the Conference at each annual session on the progress of concrete measures undertaken in implementing the decision, and on the status of implementation of Article XI.
- 17.2 The Conference is **requested** to note a report by the Director-General on the progress made and review of the status of implementation of Article XI of the Convention for the period from 26 August 2024 to 25 August 2025 (EC-110/DG.10 C-30/DG.10, dated 1 September 2025).
- 17.3 The Conference is expected to receive a report by the facilitator for Article XI issues, Mr Jamal Nasir of Pakistan, on activities held during the intersessional period.

# 18. AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN – Ensuring the universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention

- 18.1 The Council at its Twenty-Third Meeting adopted an action plan for the universality of the Convention (EC-M-23/DEC.3, dated 24 October 2003). The plan requested, inter alia, the Director-General 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.
- 18.2 The Conference is **requested** to note the annual report by the Director-General on the implementation of the action plan for the universality of the Convention during the period 16 August 2024 to 15 August 2025 (EC-110/DG.16 C-30/DG.14, dated 29 September 2025), and to take any further steps it might consider necessary.

## 19. AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN – The OPCW Programme for Africa

The Conference is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General on the Programme to Strengthen Cooperation with Africa on the Chemical Weapons Convention (EC-109/DG.15 C-30/DG.4, dated 23 June 2025).

# 20. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY – Engagement with the chemical industry and the scientific community

The Conference is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General on engaging the chemical industry associations (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

## 21. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-ONE – Emerging technologies

The Secretariat circulated two Notes by the Secretariat entitled "Global Conference on the Role of Artificial Intelligence in Advancing the Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention: A Path Forward" (S/2360/2025, dated 29 January 2025) and "Workshop on Artificial Intelligence and Chemical Safety and Security Management: Outcomes and Key Findings" (S/2444/2025, dated 17 September 2025).

## 22. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-TWO – 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).

#### 23. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-THREE – Appointment of the Director-General

23.1 In accordance with subparagraph 21(d) and paragraph 43 of Article VIII of the Convention, and Rule 82 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, the Director-General 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.

23.2 Based on the recommendation of the Council at its 110th Session (EC-110/DEC.4, dated 10 October 2025), the Conference is **requested** to appoint Ms Sabrina Dallafior Matter as the next Director-General of the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, for a term of office beginning on 25 July 2026 and ending on 24 July 2030 (C-30/DEC/CRP.1, dated 28 October 2025).

## 24. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-FOUR – Reports of subsidiary bodies

#### **Committee of the Whole**

24.1 The Committee of the Whole is expected to report on the results of its consideration of those agenda items that the Conference refers to it at the recommendation of the General Committee.

#### **General Committee**

24.2 The Conference is **requested** to note the reports that the General Committee will prepare in accordance with Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, and to take such action as it deems appropriate.

## Commission for the Settlement of Disputes Related to Confidentiality

24.3 The Conference is **requested** to note the report of the Twenty-Seventh Meeting of the Commission for the Settlement of Disputes Related to Confidentiality (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

#### **Credentials Committee**

24.4 The Conference is **requested** to consider and approve the report of the Credentials Committee on the credentials of representatives to the Thirtieth Session of the Conference (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

# Committee on Relations with the Host Country

- 24.5 At its Eleventh Session, the Conference adopted a decision establishing a Committee on Relations with the Host Country (the Host Country Committee) (C-11/DEC.9, dated 7 December 2006).
- 24.6 The Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Thomas Schieb of Germany, is expected to report to the Conference on the status of the work of the Host Country Committee.

## **Advisory Board on Education and Outreach**

- 24.7 The Conference is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Director-General reporting on the activities of the Advisory Board on Education and Outreach (ABEO) covering the period 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025 (EC-110/DG.13 C-30/DG.12, dated 24 September 2025).
- 24.8 The Chairperson of the ABEO, Professor Magda Bauta Solés, will address the Conference.

#### **Scientific Advisory Board**

- 24.9 The Chairperson of the Scientific Advisory Board, Prof. Imee Su Martinez, will address the Conference.
- 25. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-FIVE Dates and duration of the next regular sessions of the Conference of the States Parties
- 25.1 The Conference is **requested** to consider the following dates for the next regular sessions of the Conference:

Thirty-Second Session: from 22 to 26 November 2027;

Thirty-Third Session: from 27 November to 1 December 2028;

Thirty-Fourth Session: from 26 to 30 November 2029; and

Thirty-Fifth Session: from 25 to 29 November 2030.

- 25.2 The Conference is further **requested** to authorise the Director-General to conclude appropriate agreements with the World Forum, thus ensuring the availability of conference facilities on these dates, while maintaining the flexibility to make necessary adjustments, if so required.
- 26. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-SIX Any other business
- **27.** AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-SEVEN Adoption of the report of the Conference of the States Parties
- 28. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-EIGHT Closure

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