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REPORT OF THE THIRTIETH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES

1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the session

- 1.1 The Thirtieth Session of the Conference of the States Parties (the Conference) opened on 24 November 2025 at 10:08 in the King Willem-Alexander Theater in the World Forum in The Hague by the Chairperson of the Conference for its Twenty-Ninth Session, Ambassador Almir Šahović of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- 1.2 The following 157 States Parties participated in the Thirtieth Session of the Conference: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, the Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Finland, France, the Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, the Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, the Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, the State of Palestine, the Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.
- 1.3 In accordance with Rule 29 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, the following signatory State participated in this session of the Conference as an observer: Israel.
- 1.4 In accordance with Rule 30 of its Rules of Procedure, and pursuant to a decision of the Conference on the matter (C-30/DEC.1, dated 24 November 2025), the following non-signatory State was accorded observer status: South Sudan.



- 1.5 In accordance with Rules 31 and 32 of its Rules of Procedure, and pursuant to a decision of the Conference on the matter (C-30/DEC.2, dated 24 November 2025), seven international organisations, specialised agencies, and other international bodies attended and participated in the Thirtieth Session of the Conference.
- 1.6 In accordance with the recommendations of the Third Review Conference¹ (RC-3/3*, dated 19 April 2013), and pursuant to a decision of the Conference on the matter (C-30/DEC.3, dated 24 November 2025), three bodies representing the global chemical industry and scientific community attended and participated in the Thirtieth Session of the Conference.
- 1.7 In accordance with Rule 33 of its Rules of Procedure, and pursuant to a decision of the Conference on the matter (C-30/DEC.4, dated 24 November 2025), 132 non-governmental organisations attended and participated in the Thirtieth Session of the Conference.

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 **elected** as its Chairperson Ambassador Agustín Vásquez Gómez of El Salvador, who shall hold office until a new Chairperson is elected at the next regular session of the Conference.

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

- 3.1 In accordance with Rules 34 and 35 of its Rules of Procedure, the Conference **elected** the following 10 States Parties as Vice-Chairpersons of the Conference, to hold office until their successors are elected at its next regular session: Angola, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Hungary, Malta, Morocco, Peru, Sri Lanka, and the United Arab Emirates.
- 3.2 Also in accordance with Rules 34 and 35 of its Rules of Procedure, the Conference **elected** as Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole Ambassador Viktor Biyagov of Armenia, who shall hold office until his successor is elected at the next regular session of the Conference.

4. AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Adoption of the agenda

- 4.1 The provisional agenda for the Thirtieth Session of the Conference was circulated under cover of C-30/2 (dated 8 July 2025).
- 4.2 The Conference **approved** the following agenda for its Thirtieth Session:

AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the session

AGENDA ITEM TWO – Election of the Chairperson

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

AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Adoption of the agenda

¹ Review Conference = Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

AGENDA ITEM FIVE – Organisation of work and establishment of subsidiary bodies

AGENDA ITEM SIX – Appointment of the Credentials Committee

AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Opening statement by the Director-General

AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – General debate

AGENDA ITEM NINE – Status of implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention

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

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

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

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

AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Scale of assessments for 2026

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

AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Administrative and financial matters

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

AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN – Ensuring the universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention

AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN – The OPCW Programme for Africa

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

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-ONE – Emerging technologies

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-TWO – Follow-up to the Review Conferences

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-THREE – Appointment of the Director-General

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-FOUR – Reports of subsidiary bodies

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-FIVE – Dates and duration of the next regular sessions of the Conference of the States Parties

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-SIX – Any other business

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-SEVEN – Adoption of the report of the Conference of the States Parties

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-EIGHT – Closure

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

- 5.1 The Conference **considered** and **adopted** the recommendations of the General Committee that were reported to it in accordance with Rule 43(b) of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference.
- 5.2 The Chairperson of the Twenty-Ninth Session of the Conference, Ambassador Almir Šahović of Bosnia and Herzegovina, who during the reporting period served as Chairperson of the Open-Ended Working Group on the Current Implementation of the Rules Governing Elections of Members of the Executive Council (the Open-Ended Working Group), reported to the Conference on the activities of the Open-Ended Working Group.
- 5.3 The Conference **noted** the “Report by the Chairperson of the Open-Ended Working Group on the Current Implementation of the Rules Governing Elections of Members of the Executive Council” (C-30/WP.1, dated 13 November 2025).
- 5.4 The Conference **noted**, as reported in C-30/WP.1, that due to the strong divergence of views among States Parties, the Open-Ended Working Group could not reach a consensus recommendation.
- 5.5 The Conference **decided**, as a compromise, to extend the mandate of the Open-Ended Working Group until the next session of the Conference, and **requested** the General Committee to consider how the Open-Ended Working Group should undertake its work during its extended mandate to promote constructive dialogue and seek broad consensus among all States Parties.

6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – Appointment of the Credentials Committee

- 6.1 In accordance with Rule 27 of its Rules of Procedure, the Conference, on the recommendation of its Chairperson, **appointed** the following 10 members of the Credentials Committee, to hold office until new members are appointed at the next regular session of the Conference: Colombia, Estonia, Greece, Guatemala, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, the State of Palestine, Switzerland, and Uganda.
- 6.2 The delegation of the United States of America dissociated itself from the consensus with regard to the appointment of the State of Palestine as a member of the Credentials Committee.
- 6.3 The delegation of the State of Palestine made a statement under this agenda item.

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

The Conference **noted** the opening statement by the Director-General (C-30/DG.17, dated 24 November 2025).

8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – General debate

- 8.1 The following delegations made statements under this agenda item: Uganda (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China), South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), the Philippines (on behalf of the Asian Group), Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, the Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Bulgaria, Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Finland, France, the Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, Romania, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, the State of Palestine, the Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Türkiye, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America, Uruguay, Viet Nam, and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).
- 8.2 In accordance with decision C-30/DEC.2, the following international body made a statement during the general debate: the European Union (on behalf of the European Union and Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, and Ukraine).
- 8.3 The delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela delivered a joint statement on behalf of Belarus, China, Cuba, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Iran (Islamic Republic of), the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mali, Nicaragua, the Russian Federation, the State of Palestine, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Uganda, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), and Zimbabwe.
- 8.4 Samoa delivered a joint statement on behalf of Australia, Fiji, the Marshall Islands, New Zealand, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Vanuatu.
- 8.5 The following signatory State made a statement during the general debate: Israel.
- 8.6 The following delegations made statements, exercising their right of reply: the State of Palestine, the Russian Federation, the United States of America, Germany, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and Ukraine.
- 8.7 The following signatory State made a statement, exercising its right of reply: Israel. The delegations of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the State of Palestine made a point of order.
- 8.8 In accordance with decision C-30/DEC.1, the following observer State made a statement during the general debate: South Sudan.

8.9 In accordance with decision C-30/DEC.4, the following non-governmental organisations gave presentations at the plenary meeting: AiXist - Consortium for AI & Existential Risks, American Public Health Association, Centre de Recherche et d'Information pour le Désarmement et la Sécurité (CRIDS), Chemical Weapons Convention Coalition, Chemicals and Waste Youth Platform, Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, Organisation for Defending Sardasht Victims of Chemical Weapons (ODVCW), Sarin Victims Association, the Harvard Sussex Program, University of Bradford - Division of Peace Studies, and VERTIC (the Verification Research, Training and Information Centre).

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 **considered** and **noted** 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 **considered** and **noted** 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 delegation of Japan provided an update to the Conference on its destruction-related activities (the presentation was posted on the external server of the OPCW). The delegation of China also provided an update to the Conference on its destruction-related activities.

9.4 The following delegations made statements: Japan and China.

9.5 The Conference **welcomed** the decision of the Executive Council (the Council) at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6, dated 15 February 2012) 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 its annex 3 and adopted by the Council at its 101st Session, bearing in mind that the destruction progress was less than expected in the previous destruction plan attached to the decision “The Deadline of 29 April 2012 and Future Destruction of the Chemical Weapons Abandoned by Japan in the People’s Republic of China” (EC-67/DEC.6), and **encouraged** continued cooperation between China and Japan in the implementation of EC-67/DEC.6.

9.6 The Conference **recalled** the provisions of the Convention that the Abandoning State Party undertakes to destroy all chemical weapons it abandoned on the territory of another State Party and shall provide all necessary financial, technical, expert, facility as well as other resources, **expressed** its determination to remain seized of the matter, and **urged** the Abandoning State Party to continue to make the fullest possible effort to complete the destruction of chemical weapons abandoned by Japan on the territory of China as early as possible in accordance with the Council’s decision (EC-67/DEC.6) and its annex 3 in a faithful manner and to address challenges including ensuring the safety of people and protecting the environment. The Conference **reaffirmed** that the Territorial State Party shall provide appropriate cooperation.

9.7 The Conference **also reaffirmed** the obligation of the Abandoning State Party to provide all available information including, to the extent possible, the location, type, and quantity as well as information on the abandonment in accordance with relevant provisions of the Convention, so as to facilitate the expedited destruction of chemical weapons abandoned by Japan on the territory of China.

9.8 The Conference **recalled** that the Destruction Plan Beyond the Year 2022 for the Chemical Weapons Abandoned by Japan in the People’s Republic of China (EC-101/DEC.2) stipulated the common recognition regarding the destruction of abandoned chemical weapons (ACW) with the Mobile Destruction Facility, the destruction of ACW in Haerbaling (Jilin Province), the destruction of other ACW, including consultation in making a medium- to long-term plan for the excavation of ACW, and the consolidation of ACW storehouses, continuing to use its best efforts to collect and provide information on traces of ACW by the Abandoning State Party and continuing to hold consultations, and that the relevant States Parties jointly affirmed that they would accelerate in all aspects the destruction process and that their best efforts will be used towards the completion of the destruction of ACW as early as possible.

9.9 The Conference **also recalled** that the review of the destruction of ACW was welcomed by the Third Review Conference and the report of the Third Review Conference (RC-3/3*), which reaffirmed the role of the Council, the Conference, and the Review Conference with regard to the issues related to ACW destruction as defined in the provisions of the Convention and in the Council’s decision (EC-67/DEC.6), and **welcomed** the review of this issue by the Fourth Review Conference and **noted** the constructive discussion related to this issue at the Fifth Review Conference.

9.10 The Conference **welcomed** that a total of 12 on-site inspections of the ACW facilities in 2025 had been successfully conducted.

- 9.11 In accordance with decision C-30/DEC.2, the following international body made a further statement under this agenda item: the European Union (on behalf of the European Union and Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Türkiye, and Ukraine).
- 9.12 The following delegations made further statements under this agenda item: the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Australia (on behalf of Australia, Canada, and New Zealand), Türkiye, Poland, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany, the Czech Republic, Algeria, the United States of America, the Republic of Korea, Spain, the Russian Federation, Italy, Sweden, Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Japan, China, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and Panama.

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

- 9.13 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).

Elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme

- 9.14 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); EC-111/DG.1 (dated 23 October 2025); and EC-111/DG.2 (dated 24 November 2025).
- 9.15 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.
- 9.16 At its 110th Session, the Council adopted a decision entitled “Expedited On-Site Destruction of Any Remnants of Chemical Weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic” (EC-110/DEC.1, dated 8 October 2025).
- 9.17 The Secretariat circulated a Note entitled “Elimination of the Syrian Chemical Weapons Programme – Status Update” (S/2465/2025, dated 21 November 2025).

9.18 Further to paragraph 14 of EC-110/DEC.1, the Conference considered a draft decision entitled “Reinstatement of the Rights and Privileges of the Syrian Arab Republic” (C-30/DEC/CRP.8/Rev.1, dated 26 November 2025), co-sponsored by Armenia, Australia, Bahrain, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lithuania, Malta, Morocco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Portugal, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, Spain, the Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Türkiye, Uganda, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, and Yemen.

9.19 The following delegations made statements under this agenda item: Qatar, the Syrian Arab Republic, Brazil, Pakistan, France, Panama, India, and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

9.20 The Director-General made a statement (C-30/DG.18, dated 27 November 2025).

9.21 The delegation of Brazil proposed amendments to the above-mentioned draft decision.

9.22 The delegation of Brazil made a statement, withdrawing the proposed amendments to the above-mentioned draft decision.

9.23 The Conference **noted** the statement delivered by the Director-General on the implementation of decision C-25/DEC.9, in which he stated that “I understand that on the basis of paragraph 1 of the draft decision before you, the Council will consider and decide on this matter, based on the information regarding the progress in the destruction that the Technical Secretariat will provide.”

9.24 The Conference **adopted** the decision (C-30/DEC.8, dated 28 November 2025).

9.25 The delegation of Brazil dissociated itself from the consensus.

9.26 The following delegations made statements under this agenda item: Brazil, the United States of America, the Syrian Arab Republic, China, and the Russian Federation.

Other related issues

9.27 The following delegations made further statements under this agenda item: Canada (on behalf of Australia, Canada, and New Zealand), the Russian Federation, Poland, Norway (on behalf of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden), Germany, the United States of America, the Czech Republic, Japan, Italy, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, China, Spain, and France.

9.28 In accordance with decision C-30/DEC.2, the European Union made a statement under this agenda item (on behalf of the European Union and Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, and Ukraine).

9.29 The delegations of Lithuania and the Bahamas delivered a joint statement under this agenda item on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, the Bahamas, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein,

Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Marshall Islands, Monaco, Montenegro, the Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, and Vanuatu.

- 9.30 The delegation of Oman also delivered a joint statement under this agenda item on behalf of Algeria, Brunei Darussalam, China, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, the State of Palestine, the Sudan, Tunisia, Türkiye, the United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), and Yemen.
- 9.31 The following delegations made further statements under this agenda item, exercising their right of reply: the Russian Federation and Australia.
- 9.32 The Director-General made a statement (C-30/DG.19, dated 27 November 2025).
- 9.33 Upon the request of the delegation of the Russian Federation, Note Verbale No. 67 (dated 30 September 2025) and Note Verbale No. 70 (dated 3 October 2025) were circulated to the Conference (EC-110/NAT.6 C-30/NAT.2, dated 30 September 2025; and EC-110/NAT.7 C-30/NAT.3, dated 3 October 2025).

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

- 9.34 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), and 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.
- 9.35 The Conference **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).

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

- 10.1 The Conference **considered** 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.
- 10.2 The following delegations made statements under this agenda item: China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Bangladesh, Cuba, France, and Australia.
- 10.3 The Conference **adopted** the above-mentioned report (C-30/4, dated 27 November 2025).
- 10.4 The delegations of China, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and the Russian Federation dissociated themselves from the adoption of the above-mentioned report in its current form.

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

- 11.1 The Conference **noted** 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 was introduced by the Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Thomas Schieb of Germany, who also briefed the Conference on any developments that had taken place since the cut-off date for the report (the briefing was posted on the external server of the OPCW).

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

- 12.1 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 **elected**, by acclamation, the following 17 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 as follows:

Africa: Algeria, Ghana, Nigeria, and South Africa

Asia and the Pacific: Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, and Qatar

Latin America and the Caribbean: Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, and Guatemala

Western Europe and Other States: Australia, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland

- 12.2 The delegation of the United States of America dissociated itself from the consensus with regard to the election of the Islamic Republic of Iran as a member of the Council.
- 12.3 The delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement under this agenda item.
- 12.4 The delegations of Armenia, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Ukraine presented their candidacies for the three elective places pertaining to the Eastern European Group.
- 12.5 In accordance with Rules 79 and 81 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, the Conference **elected**, by secret ballot, the following three States Parties from the Eastern European Group to serve on the Council for a term of two years, starting on 12 May 2026: Slovakia, Slovenia, and Ukraine.

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 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.
- 13.3 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).
- 13.4 The following delegations made statements under this agenda item: the United States of America, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, China, France, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Costa Rica, and India.
- 13.5 In accordance with subparagraph 21(a) of Article VIII of the Convention and Regulation 3.7(a) of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, the Conference **considered and adopted** a decision on the Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2026–2027 (C-30/DEC.6, dated 25 November 2025).
- 13.6 The delegation of the Russian Federation dissociated itself from the consensus.

14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Scale of assessments for 2026

The Conference **adopted**, pursuant to Regulations 3.7(b) and 5.2 of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, a decision on the scale of assessments to be paid by States Parties for the financial year 2026 (C-30/DEC.5, dated 24 November 2025).

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 **noted** 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.

16.2 The Conference **considered** and **noted** 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

16.3 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 **noted** 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 **noted** 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 **considered** and **noted** 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 following delegations made statements under this agenda item: Bangladesh and India.

16.10 The Conference **noted** the “Annual Report on the Implementation of the Action Plan on Geographical Representation” (C-30/DG.16, dated 20 November 2025).

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 **received** a report by the facilitator for Article XI issues, Mr Jamal Nasir of Pakistan, on activities held during the intersessional period (the report was posted on the external server of the OPCW).

17.3 The following delegations made statements under this agenda item: the Russian Federation, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the State of Palestine, China, Morocco, the United States of America, the United Republic of Tanzania, Australia, Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and Honduras.

17.4 In accordance with decision C-30/DEC.2, the European Union made a statement under this agenda item (on behalf of the European Union and Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Serbia, Türkiye, and Ukraine).

17.5 The Conference **noted** 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).

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 Action 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 following delegations made statements under this agenda item: the Islamic Republic of Iran, Bangladesh, and the State of Palestine.

18.3 In accordance with decision C-30/DEC.2, the European Union made a statement under this agenda item (on behalf of the European Union and Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Serbia, Türkiye, and Ukraine).

- 18.4 The following signatory State made a statement under this agenda item, exercising its right of reply: Israel. The delegations of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the State of Palestine made a point of order.
- 18.5 The Conference **noted** 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).

19. AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN – The OPCW Programme for Africa

- 19.1 The Conference **noted** 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).
- 19.2 The following delegations made statements under this agenda item: Cameroon (on behalf of the African Group), Switzerland, Algeria, France, Senegal, and the United Republic of Tanzania.
- 19.3 In accordance with decision C-30/DEC.2, the European Union made a statement under this agenda item (on behalf of the European Union and Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Serbia, Türkiye, and Ukraine).

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

The Conference **noted** a Note by the Director-General on engaging the chemical industry associations (C-30/DG.15, dated 14 November 2025).

21. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-ONE – Emerging technologies

- 21.1 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).
- 21.2 The following delegations made statements under this agenda item: Türkiye, Senegal, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Morocco, Bangladesh, Algeria, China, the United Arab Emirates, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, and the United Republic of Tanzania.
- 21.3 In accordance with decision C-30/DEC.2, the European Union made a statement under this agenda item (on behalf of the European Union and Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Serbia, Türkiye, and Ukraine).

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 **appointed**, by acclamation, 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.7, dated 27 November 2025).
- 23.3 The Director-General made a statement.
- 23.4 The delegation of Switzerland made a statement.
- 23.5 The following delegations made a statement under this agenda item: South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), the Philippines (on behalf of the Asian Group), Croatia (on behalf of the Eastern European Group), Mexico (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), and Luxembourg (on behalf of the Western Europe and Others Group).
- 23.6 The Director-General elect, Ms Sabrina Dallafior Matter, made a statement.

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

Committee of the Whole

- 24.1 The Conference **noted** that, during this session, no items had been allocated to Committee of the Whole.

General Committee

- 24.2 The Conference **noted** the reports of the General Committee and **took action** as required.

Commission for the Settlement of Disputes Related to Confidentiality

- 24.3 The Conference **noted** the report of the Twenty-Seventh Meeting of the Commission for the Settlement of Disputes Related to Confidentiality (the Confidentiality Commission) (CC-27/1, dated 31 October 2025).
- 24.4 The Conference **welcomed** the appointment of Mr Nicolas Oldham of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on 13 June 2025 as member of the Confidentiality Commission to fill the vacancy in the Western Europe and Others Group, the appointment of Mr Mohamed Zerkouni of Morocco on 21 October 2025 as member of the Confidentiality Commission to fill the vacancy in the African Group, and the appointment of Ambassador Hadi Farajvand of the Islamic Republic of Iran on 27 October 2025 as member of the Confidentiality Commission to fill the vacancy in the Asian Group, for the remainder of the term of office of the members of the Commission, ending on 30 April 2027.

Credentials Committee

- 24.5 The Conference **considered** and **approved** the report of the Credentials Committee on the credentials of representatives to the Thirtieth Session of the Conference (C-30/3, dated 24 November 2025).
- 24.6 The Conference **further noted** and **approved** the oral report by Ms Hyejeong Ahn of the Republic of Korea, on behalf of the Chairperson of the Credentials Committee, that, following the close of the Credentials Committee meeting, additional original credentials had been received from Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Indonesia, Ireland, Latvia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Malta, the Marshall Islands, Mozambique, the Netherlands, the Republic of Korea, Slovakia, South Africa, Ukraine, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan, and that copies of credentials had been received from Georgia and Iraq.
- 24.7 The delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement under this agenda item.

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

- 24.8 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).
- 24.9 The Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Thomas Schieb of Germany, reported to the Conference on the status of the work of the Host Country Committee.

Advisory Board on Education and Outreach

- 24.10 The Conference **considered** and **noted** 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).
- 24.11 The Chairperson of the ABEO, Prof. Magda Bauta Solés, addressed the Conference.

Scientific Advisory Board

- 24.12 The Chairperson of the Scientific Advisory Board, Prof. Imee Su Martinez, addressed 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 **approved** 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 **authorised** 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

26.1 The delegations of Panama and Cameroon delivered a joint statement under this agenda item on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Latvia, Lebanon, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, the Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, and Viet Nam.

26.2 The following delegations made statements under this agenda item: the Republic of Korea (on behalf of Mexico, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Türkiye, and Australia (MIKTA)), New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada, and New Zealand), and Trinidad and Tobago.

27. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-SEVEN – Adoption of the report of the Conference of the States Parties

The Conference **considered** and **adopted** the report of its Thirtieth Session.

28. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-EIGHT – Closure

The Chairperson closed the session at 16:08 on 28 November 2025.