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### **ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE 111TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 10 – 13 MARCH 2026**

This revised annotated agenda<sup>1</sup> has been prepared by the Technical Secretariat (the Secretariat) to guide and assist members of the Executive Council (the Council) in their substantive preparations for its 111th Session. It lists the items of business for the session in the sequence in which they appear in the provisional agenda set for it (see agenda item two below).

#### **1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the session**

The 111th 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 10 March 2026.

#### **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-111/1/Rev.1 (dated 6 March 2026).

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Opening statement by the Director-General
4. Reports by the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons on intersessional activities
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 Any Remnants of the Assad-Era Syrian Chemical Weapons Programme
  - (d) Other verification-related issues

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- (e) Destruction-related plans and facility agreements
  - (f) Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use
  - (g) Timely submission of declarations under Article VI
  - (h) Status of implementation of Article X
  - (i) Implementation by the Technical Secretariat in 2025 of the regime governing the handling of confidential information
7. Countering chemical terrorism
  8. Emerging technologies
  9. Administrative and financial matters:
    - (a) Nominations for membership of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
    - (b) Status of implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations
    - (c) Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system
    - (d) Adjustment to the Director-General's gross salary
  10. The OPCW Programme for Africa
  11. Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Council
  12. Report by the Committee on Relations with the Host Country
  13. Any other business
  14. Adoption of the report
  15. 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 Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons on intersessional activities**
- 4.1 The Vice-Chairpersons and coordinators for clusters of issues are expected to 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.

- 4.2 The Chairperson is expected to brief the Council on his activities during the intersessional period.
- 4.3 The Chairperson of the Council issued a Note entitled “Summary of the Process of the Appointment of the Next Director-General in 2025” (EC-111/2, dated 23 February 2026).

**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 (EC-111/DG.11, dated 27 February 2026).

**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 updates to the Council on its destruction-related verification activities and on Article III-related submissions (the presentation has been posted on the external server of the OPCW).
- 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 (EC-111/NAT.4, dated 11 February 2026) and a national paper by Japan (EC-111/NAT.3, dated 16 February 2026) 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.

**Subitem 6(c): Elimination of Any Remnants of the Assad-Era Syrian Chemical Weapons Programme**

- 6.5 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. At its 110th Session, the Council decided to henceforth refer to this item as “Elimination of Any Remnants of the Assad-Era Syrian Chemical Weapons Programme” (paragraph 11 of EC-110/DEC.1, dated 8 October 2025).

- 6.6 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.
- 6.7 The Secretariat provided a briefing to the States Parties on 4 March 2026 on its activities related to the Syrian Arab Republic.
- 6.8 The Secretariat circulated two Notes entitled “Summary Update of the Activities Carried Out by the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria” (S/2473/2025, dated 24 December 2025) and “Elimination of the Syrian Chemical Weapons Programme – Status Update” (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).
- 6.9 The Council is **requested** to note reports by the Director-General on progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme (EC-111/DG.1, dated 23 October 2025; EC-111/DG.2, dated 24 November 2025; EC-111/DG.3, dated 24 December 2025; EC-111/DG.4, dated 23 January 2026; and EC-111/DG.10, dated 24 February 2026).
- 6.10 The Council is **requested** to note national papers by the Syrian Arab Republic on the activities related to the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons and their production facilities (EC-111/HP/NAT.1, dated 15 October 2025; EC-111/P/NAT.2, dated 2 January 2026; EC-111/P/NAT.3, dated 2 January 2026; and EC-111/P/NAT.4, dated 22 January 2026).
- 6.11 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).

**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 (the presentation has been posted on the external server of the OPCW).

**Subitem 6(e): Destruction-related plans and facility agreements**

- 6.13 The Secretariat has submitted to the Council a Note on “Modifications to the Facility Arrangement between the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the Government of Australia Regarding On-Site Inspections at the Schedule 1 Facility for Protective Purposes at the Defence Science and Technology Group, Melbourne, Australia” (EC-111/S/1, dated 17 February 2026).

**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) (EC-111/DG.13, dated 9 March 2026).

- 6.15 The Secretariat circulated a Note entitled “Fifth Report by the OPCW Investigation and Identification Team Pursuant to Paragraph 10 of Decision C-SS-4/DEC.3 ‘Addressing the Threat from Chemical Weapons Use’, Kafr Zeita (Syrian Arab Republic) – 1 October 2016” (S/2478/2026, dated 21 January 2026), which has been provided to the Council and to the United Nations Secretary-General for their consideration.
- 6.16 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 Article IX of the Convention (paragraphs 6.24 to 6.26 and 6.31 of EC-109/6, dated 11 July 2025). At its 110th Session, the Council decided to remain seized of this matter.
- 6.17 The Council received a joint request from France, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to obtain clarification from the Russian Federation in accordance with paragraph 4 of Article IX of the Convention (EC-111/NAT.9, dated 5 March 2026).
- 6.18 The joint request was forwarded by the Chairperson, on behalf of the Council, and through the Director-General, to the Russian Federation in accordance with subparagraph 4(a) of Article IX of the Convention (EC-111/S/3, dated 5 March 2026).
- 6.19 The Council is invited to consider other issues under this agenda subitem.

**Subitem 6(g): Timely submission of declarations under Article VI**

- 6.20 Further to a decision by the Council at its Fifty-First Session (EC-51/DEC.1, dated 27 November 2007), the Council is **requested** to note a status report by the Director-General on the timely submission by States Parties of declarations under Article VI of the Convention for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2025 (EC-111/DG.5, dated 27 January 2026).

**Subitem 6(h): Status of implementation of Article X**

- 6.21 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the “Status of Implementation of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 December 2025” (EC-111/DG.8, dated 23 February 2026).

**Subitem 6(i): Implementation by the Technical Secretariat in 2025 of the regime governing the handling of confidential information**

- 6.22 The Council 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 2025 (EC-111/DG.6 C-31/DG.1, dated 3 February 2026).

**7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Countering chemical terrorism**

- 7.1 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Director-General on the status of the OPCW’s contribution to global anti-terrorism efforts (EC-111/DG.12, dated 5 March 2026).

- 7.2 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 – Emerging technologies**

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.

**9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – Administrative and financial matters**

**Subitem 9(a): Nominations for membership of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters**

- 9.1 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters (ABAF) (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations), and to appoint Mr Jason Loeffler of the United States of America to replace Ms Hollie Marie Mance of the United States of America, as of the date of his appointment by the Council.

**Subitem 9(b): Status of implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations**

- 9.2 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor (EC-111/S/2, dated 19 February 2026).
- 9.3 The facilitator for this issue, Ms Shiho Bamba of Japan, is expected to report on the consultations carried out during the intersessional period.

**Subitem 9(c): Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system**

- 9.4 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 (EC-111/DG.9, dated 24 February 2026).

**Subitem 9(d): Adjustment to the Director-General's gross salary**

- 9.5 In accordance with a decision of the Conference at its First Special Session (C-SS-1/DEC.4, dated 25 July 2002) stipulating that the terms of appointment of the Director-General shall be subject to adjustments by the Council to keep the terms in line with those of other executive heads within the United Nations system, the Council is **requested** to adopt a draft decision adjusting the Director-General's gross salary (EC-111/DEC/CRP.1/Rev.1, dated 5 March 2026).

**10. AGENDA ITEM TEN – The OPCW Programme for Africa**

The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Director-General on the seventh phase of the Programme to Strengthen Cooperation with Africa on the Chemical Weapons Convention (EC-111/DG.7, dated 19 February 2026).

**11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Council**

In accordance with Rule 6 of its Rules of Procedure, and with effect from 12 May 2026, the Council is **requested** to elect its new Chairperson and its new Vice-Chairpersons for terms of office ending on 11 May 2027. The Chairperson and four Vice-Chairpersons shall be elected from among the representatives accredited to the Council.

**12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – Report by 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 – Any other business**

**14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Adoption of the report**

**15. AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – Closure**