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**REQUEST FOR CIRCULATION OF A DOCUMENT
AT THE 111TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

The Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the OPCW has requested that a note verbale addressed to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW (dated 24 February 2026) be circulated as an official document of the 111th Session of the Executive Council.

Annex: Note Verbale No. 16 from the Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW Dated 24 February 2026



Annex

**NOTE VERBALE NO. 16 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE
RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT OF THE OPCW
DATED 24 FEBRUARY 2026**

Unofficial translation



**ПОСТОЯННОЕ ПРЕДСТАВИТЕЛЬСТВО
РОССИЙСКОЙ ФЕДЕРАЦИИ
ПРИ ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ПО ЗАПРЕЩЕНИЮ
ХИМИЧЕСКОГО ОРУЖИЯ**

**PERMANENT REPRESENTATION
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
TO THE ORGANISATION FOR THE PROHIBITION
OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS**

№ 16

The Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (hereinafter – OPCW) presents its compliments to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW and has the honour to request to transmit to the Permanent Representations of France, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom to the OPCW the following address.

The Russian Federation strongly requests France, Germany, Sweden and the United Kingdom to provide exhaustive and comprehensive answers to the questions posed under Article IX of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter – CWC) and contained in the Notes Verbales of the Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the OPCW №54 dated November 2, 2021 (document EC-98/NAT.13) and №58 dated November 15, 2021 (document EC-99/NAT.2).

**TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT
OF THE OPCW**

The Hague

The Russian Federation underscores that until now it hasn't yet received any reasonable answers to the questions posed by the Russian Side neither from Germany, nor from the United Kingdom whose special services initiated and headed this provocation of the Western countries. France and Sweden whose military chemical laboratories took part in confirming the presence in the A.Navalny biomedical samples of the traces of the so called "Novichoks" have also ignored the request of the Russian Federation.

The fragmentary answers provided by these countries if any don't contain the necessary information and are formalistic non-committal propaganda replies.

The Russian Federation continues waiting substantive reaction from Berlin, London, Paris and Stockholm to its numeral questions. Here are some key questions: what substance was allegedly found in A.Navalny analyses outside the territory of the Russian Federation? Under which circumstances and at what stage of transportation of A.Navalny to Germany for treatment with the permission of the President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin to chancellor Angela Merkel plea or his stay in Berlin this chemical appeared? The Russian doctors who saved A.Navalny life before his departure from the Russian Federation identified no traces of any poison in the blogger body.

The Technical Secretariat de facto refused to provide to the Russian Federation upon its request in accordance with paragraph 38 e) of the Article VIII of the CWC its technical assistance on the basis of the modalities requested by the Russian Federation in full compliance with CWC. It also rejected the proposal of the Russian Side to jointly examine, by the OPCW experts and Russian specialists, A.Navalny biomedical samples, possessed

by the OPCW and the Russian Federation, in the OPCW certified Russian laboratory.

The growing number of absurd allegations from the euroatlantic allies amid the refusal of the chieftains of these provocations to cooperate with the Russian Federation in line with the Article IX of the CWC mean that they are not interested in clarifying and making public a true picture of what happened to A.Navalny.

The Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the OPCW requests the Technical Secretariat to distribute among delegations a copy of this note as an official national document of the 111th Session of the Executive Council of the OPCW (March 10-13, 2026) and publish it on the OPCW website and Catalyst platform.

The Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the OPCW avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, «*alt*» February, 2026

