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**REQUEST FOR CIRCULATION OF A DOCUMENT AT THE 112TH 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 6 April 2026) be circulated as an official document of the 112th Session of the Executive Council.

Annex: Note Verbale No. 31 from the Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW Dated 6 April 2026



Annex

**NOTE VERBALE NO. 31 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE
RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT OF THE OPCW
DATED 6 APRIL 2026**

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

№ 31

The Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) presents its compliments to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW and has the honour to transmit to the OPCW Technical Secretariat, and to the States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention, information regarding the interference of the United Kingdom in the activities of the OPCW Technical Secretariat in the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the OPCW requests that the Technical Secretariat circulate this note and its annex to the delegations as an official document of the 112th Session of the OPCW Executive Council and publish it on the Organisation's website and the Catalyst platform.

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

The Hague, «06» April, 2026



**TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT OF THE
ORGANISATION FOR THE PROHIBITION
OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS
The Hague**

**On the United Kingdom's interference
in the OPCW Technical Secretariat's activities in the Syrian Arab Republic**

It has come to light that the United Kingdom has taken the initiative to offer its expert services to the OPCW Technical Secretariat and the transitional Government of the Syrian Arab Republic to assist in the investigation of facilities that were allegedly involved in the country's former chemical weapons programme.

This seems a bit strange against the backdrop of the high level of expertise of the OPCW proclaimed by Western countries; however, the OPCW Technical Secretariat accepted the British proposal without any regard for the substantial amount of financial support already provided by NATO countries and the European Union for the conduct of OPCW inspections in the Syrian Arab Republic.

It is expected that within the framework of these efforts, London primarily intends to destroy evidence of the involvement of Western countries in the former Syrian chemical weapons programme and the numerous chemical provocations against the government forces of the Syrian Arab Republic under President Assad, while simultaneously fabricating evidence of Russia's alleged "cover-up" of the use of chemical weapons attributed to official Damascus at that time.

In these upcoming activities, the British experts will go to the Syrian Arab Republic ahead of the OPCW mission staff in order to prevent them from accessing documents unveiling the participation of companies from Western countries, primarily from the United Kingdom, in shipments of equipment and chemicals for the purposes of the former Syrian chemical weapons programme, and the involvement of the special services of the United Kingdom in the construction, oversight, and financing of the White Helmets non-profit organisation, which was directly involved in the orchestration of chemical provocations on the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic.

Another aspect of the heightened activity of the United Kingdom in the Syrian Arab Republic will be the continuation of the anti-Russian campaign within the OPCW launched by the West. The British, it would seem, are working under the assumption that any exciting findings of unlawful chemical activities conducted by Assad's former government can "automatically" be extended to Russia. These conclusions, according to their assessment, will meet no resistance from most States Parties to the Convention or from the OPCW Technical Secretariat.

The Director-General of the OPCW Technical Secretariat, Mr F. Arias, has repeatedly underscored that during the upcoming inspections in the Syrian Arab Republic, the OPCW Technical Secretariat is interested in confirming the authenticity of the initial Syrian declaration. He proceeds from the fact that resolving the issues concerning the former chemical weapons activities of the Syrian Arab Republic will take at least two years, considering the need to inspect the chemical facilities that have not previously been inspected, and the uncertainty of the security situation in the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Syrian side aims to close the “chemical dossier” as soon as possible. For this purpose, the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic has abandoned its demand for full control over all the OPCW inspection activities in exchange for guarantees that the sanctions imposed against the Syrian Arab Republic will gradually be lifted, and its rights under the Convention restored.

Considering London’s track record and the chemical crimes committed by the Porton Down chemical weapons laboratory starting in the 1950s against its own British citizens, which were made public long ago, in addition to the involvement in the organisation of chemical provocations in the Syrian Arab Republic, the “Skripal affair”, and the direct involvement in the provocation with the sham “poisoning” of A. Navalny, we call upon all States that are not indifferent to the fate and reputation of the OPCW to request from the management of the OPCW Technical Secretariat information on the role of the British experts in the joint inspection activities in the Syrian Arab Republic and to provide an assessment of this cooperation.

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