

Agenda Item 12: Appointment of the Director-General

Thank you Chair,

My delegation takes the floor to convey its heartfelt satisfaction that the Council is recommending by consensus Ambassador Sabrina Dallafior Matter as the next DG of the TS of the OPCW for a term of office beginning 25 July 2026.

We started with a strong pool of 11 candidates with outstanding credentials and experience. My delegation conveys its appreciation and thanks to all the candidates for their engagement and commitment to the organisation and this important process.

We also convey our appreciation and thanks to you Chair for your exemplary leadership and steering of the process in reaching this decision by consensus.

The role played by Director General is extremely important for a chemical weapons-free world and for adapting our organisation to the fast paced developments as well as emerging technologies. This has been shown by the former Director Generals and is being demonstrated admirably by the current Director General Amb Arias.

My delegation warmly congratulates and conveys best wishes to Ambassador Dallafior Matter, and looks forward to working closely with her upon her appointment by the CSP and to continue contributing positively and constructively to the work of our organisation.

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