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This revised annotated agenda has been prepared by the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) to guide and assist members of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) in their substantive preparations for its Seventy-Second 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 Seventy-Second Session of the Council will be opened in The Hague by the Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Bhaswati Mukherjee of India, at 10:00 on 6 May 2013.

2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Adoption of the agenda

2.1 The provisional agenda for the Seventy-Second Session was circulated under cover of EC-72/1, dated 8 April 2013.

2.2 Following the circulation of EC-72/1, the delegation of the United States of America requested the Chairperson of the Council to include on the provisional agenda for the session an additional agenda item entitled “Follow-up to the Third Review Conference” (EC-72/2, dated 2 May 2013). A revised version of the provisional agenda, including this item, was circulated under cover of EC-72/1/Rev.1, dated 2 May 2013.

2.3 The request was subsequently revised to include an agenda item entitled “Organisation of follow-up to the Third Review Conference” and issued under cover of EC-72/2/Rev.1, dated 3 May 2013.

2.4 Following the circulation of EC-72/1/Rev.1, the delegation of the Ecuador, on behalf of the GRULAC², requested the Chairperson of the Council to include on the provisional agenda for the session an additional agenda item entitled “Status of implementation of Article XI” (EC-72/3, dated 3 May 2013).

¹ This document is issued for information purposes only and does not supersede in any way the provisional agenda for the Seventy-Second Session of the Executive Council, or prejudice the outcome of its deliberations.

² GRULAC = Group of Latin American and Caribbean States



- 2.5 A revised version of the provisional agenda, including both items, was circulated under cover of EC-72/1/Rev.2, dated 3 May 2013.
- 2.6 The Council is **requested** to consider and approve the following agenda:
1. Opening of the session
 2. Adoption of the agenda
 3. Opening statement by the Director-General
 4. Reports by the Vice-Chairpersons on the activities conducted under their respective clusters of issues
 5. General debate (inter alia, thematic discussion on the outcome of the Third Review Conference³)
 6. Status of implementation of the 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) Other verification-related issues
 - (d) Destruction-related plans and facility agreements
 - (e) Status of implementation of Article X
 - (f) Chemical industry and other Article VI-related issues
 - (g) Status of implementation of Article XI
 7. Report on the implementation in 2012 of the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight
 8. Report of the Office of Internal Oversight for 2012
 9. Administrative and financial matters:
 - (a) OPCW income and expenditure for the financial year to 31 March 2013
 - (b) Nomination for membership of the Advisory Board on Administrative and Financial Matters
 10. Organisation of follow-up to the Third Review Conference
 11. Report by the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

³ Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention

12. Agreement on the privileges and immunities of the OPCW
13. The OPCW's contribution to global anti-terrorism efforts
14. Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Council
15. Any other business
16. Adoption of the report
17. 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 Vice-Chairpersons on the activities conducted under their respective clusters of issues

The Vice-Chairpersons and coordinators for clusters of issues will report to the Council on informal consultations held during the intersessional period: Ambassador Miguel Eduardo Calahorrano Camino of Ecuador on chemical weapons issues, Ambassador Robert P. Mikulak of the United States of America on chemical-industry and other Article VI issues, Ambassador Sirajuddin Hamid Yousif of the Sudan on administrative and financial issues, and Ambassador Roman Kolodkin of the Russian Federation on legal, organisational, and other issues.

5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – General debate (inter alia, thematic discussion on the outcome of the Third Review Conference)

6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – Status of implementation of the Convention

Subitem 6(a): Reports by the Director-General on destruction-related issues

- 6.1 Further to a decision by the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”) at its Sixteenth Session (C-16/DEC.11, dated 1 December 2011), the Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the overall progress of destruction activities by possessor States Parties (EC-72/DG.8, dated 3 May 2013).
- 6.2 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 of the destruction of abandoned chemical weapons (EC-72/DG.9, dated 3 May 2013).

Subitem 6(b): Implementation of the Conference of the States Parties and Executive Council decisions on destruction-related issues

- 6.3 The Secretariat is expected to brief the Council on its destruction-related verification activities.
- 6.4 The States Parties concerned are expected to brief the Council on their destruction-related activities.
- 6.5 Further to a decision by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session (C-16/DEC.11), the Council is **requested** to consider and note a national paper by the United States of America on the progress made on the completion of the destruction of its chemical weapons, including information on measures to accelerate such progress, and identifying progress made since the last briefing in order to meet the planned completion date. This report is also to include reporting on any specific measures undertaken to overcome problems in the destruction programme (EC-72/NAT.3, dated 8 April 2013).
- 6.6 Further to the same decision by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session (C-16/DEC.11), the Council is **requested** to consider and note a national paper by the Russian Federation on the progress made on the completion of the destruction of its chemical weapons, including information on measures to accelerate such progress, and identifying progress made since the last briefing in order to meet the planned completion date. This report is also to include reporting on any specific measures undertaken to overcome problems in the destruction programme (EC-72/P/NAT.1, dated 8 April 2013).
- 6.7 Further to the same decision by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session (C-16/DEC.11), the Council is **requested** to consider and note a national paper by Libya on the progress made on the completion of the destruction of its chemical weapons, including information on measures to accelerate such progress, and identifying progress made since the last briefing in order to meet the planned completion date. This report is also to include reporting on any specific measures undertaken to overcome problems in the destruction programme (EC-72/NAT.2, dated 24 April 2013).
- 6.8 Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6), a national paper by China (EC-72/NAT.4, dated 22 April 2013) and a national paper by Japan (EC-72/NAT.1, dated 18 April 2013) on the overall progress of the destruction of chemical weapons abandoned by Japan on the territory of China will be circulated to the members of the Council.

Subitem 6(c): Other verification-related issues

- 6.9 The Secretariat is expected to brief the Council on its other verification-related activities.
- 6.10 At its previous session, the Council stressed that previously undeclared Schedule 1 facilities and activities should be handled in a transparent, prompt, and consistent manner in accordance with the object and purpose of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”). The Council invited the Director-General to present in writing to the members of the Council, at its Seventy-Second Session,

the Secretariat's procedures for handling such cases in the future in order to solicit their comments and to adjust the procedures if necessary (paragraph 6.16 of EC-71/3, dated 21 February 2013). The Council is **requested** to note the Note by the Director-General on the matter (EC-72/DG.6, dated 24 April 2013).

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

- 6.11 The Council is **requested** to consider and approve amendments to the agreed detailed plan for verification of the destruction of the Category 1 chemical weapons at the chemical weapons destruction facility (CWDF) located at Shchuchye, Kurganskaya Oblast, the Russian Federation (EC-72/DEC/CRP.3, dated 9 April 2013).
- 6.12 The Secretariat has submitted to the Council a Note on modifications to the facility agreement with the Russian Federation regarding on-site inspections at the CWDF located at Shchuchye, Kurganskaya Oblast, the Russian Federation (EC-72/S/2, dated 9 April 2013).
- 6.13 Proposed amendments to the aforementioned facility agreement have been submitted separately to the Council (EC-72/DEC/CRP.2, dated 9 April 2013), which is **requested** to consider and approve them. Related amendments to the agreed detailed plan for verification of the destruction of Category 1 chemical weapons at the CWDF located at Shchuchye, Kurganskaya Oblast, the Russian Federation, are treated in paragraph 6.11 above.

Subitem 6(e): Status of implementation of Article X

- 6.14 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the status of implementation of Article X of the Convention (EC-72/DG.1, dated 25 March 2013).
- 6.15 The facilitator for this issue, Ms Sarah Broughton of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, is expected to report on consultations held during the intersessional period.

Subitem 6(f): Chemical industry and other Article VI-related issues

- 6.16 Further to the decision of the Council at its Sixty-Sixth session on the policy guidelines for determining the number of Article VI inspections (EC-66/DEC.10, dated 7 October 2011), the Council is **requested** to note the report by the Director-General on the results of the implementation of these policy guidelines (EC-72/DG.4, dated 5 April 2013).

Subitem 6(g): Status of implementation of Article XI

- 6.17 The facilitator for this issue, Mr Aamir Shouket of Pakistan, is expected to report on consultations held during the intersessional period.
- 7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Report on the implementation in 2012 of the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight**

The Council is **requested** to note a report by the Director-General on the implementation in 2012 of the recommendations contained in the 2011 annual report

of the Office of Internal Oversight (OIO) (EC-72/DG.3, dated 2 April 2013). The facilitator for this issue, Ms Sakiko Hayakawa of Japan, is expected to report on consultations held during the intersessional period.

8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – Report of the Office of Internal Oversight for 2012

The Council is **requested** to consider and note the annual report of the OIO for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2012, which the Director-General has submitted to it along with his comments (EC-72/DG.2 C-18/DG.3, dated 2 April 2013). The Council is also **requested** to make any comments it deems appropriate on the report. In accordance with Financial Regulation 12.5, the Director-General will transmit the report to the Conference at its Eighteenth Session, together with his own comments and any that the Council may deem appropriate. The facilitator for this issue, Ms Sakiko Hayakawa of Japan, is expected to report on consultations held during the intersessional period.

9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – Administrative and financial matters

Subitem 9(a): OPCW income and expenditure for the financial year to 31 March 2013

- 9.1 The Council is **requested** to note a report by the Director-General on OPCW income and expenditure for the financial year to 31 March 2013 (EC-72/DG.5, dated 12 April 2013).

Subitem 9(b): Nomination for membership of the Advisory Board on Administrative and Financial Matters

- 9.2 The Council is **requested** to note the Note by the Secretariat on the nomination of membership of the Advisory Board on Administrative and Financial Matters (ABAF) (EC-72/S/1, dated 25 March 2013) and to approve the nomination of Mr Jiang Bo of China to the ABAF, to replace Ms Jiang Ning, retroactive to the date of the letter of nomination for Mr Bo (11 March 2013).

10. AGENDA ITEM TEN – Organisation of follow-up to the Third Review Conference

The delegation of the United States of America requested the Chairperson of the Council to include this item on the provisional agenda of the session (EC-72/2/Rev.1).

11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Report by the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

At its previous session, the Council noted the report by the Committee on Relations with the Host Country on the performance of its activities from September 2012 to January 2013 (EC-71/HCC/1 C-18/HCC/1, dated 13 February 2013), as well as the assessment by the Council Chairperson that its meeting held on 30 January 2013 was productive, with much progress on outstanding issues. The Council noted the goodwill on the part of the Host Country to continue bilateral consultations to make progress on outstanding issues. The Council decided to remain seized of the matter (paragraph 11 of EC-71/3).

12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – Agreement on the privileges and immunities of the OPCW

The Council is **requested** to consider and conclude an agreement between the OPCW and the Republic of Sudan on the privileges and immunities of the OPCW (EC-72/DEC/CRP.1, dated 3 April 2013).

13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – The OPCW’s contribution to global anti-terrorism efforts

13.1 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-72/DG.7, dated 25 April 2013).

13.2 A working paper by H.E. Professor Ruthie C. Rono, former facilitator of the Open-Ended Working Group on Terrorism, on proposals for the way forward for the Open-Ended Working Group on Terrorism (EC-72/WP.1, dated 19 February 2013), has been circulated to the Council.

14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – 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 2013, the Council is **requested** to elect its new Chairperson for a term of office ending on 11 May 2014, and its new Vice-Chairpersons for the same period. The Chairperson and four Vice-Chairpersons shall be elected from among the accredited representatives to the Council.

15. AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – Any other business

16. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Adoption of the report

17. AGENDA ITEM SEVENTEEN – Closure

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