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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 16 – 19 JULY 2013

This revised annotated agenda¹ 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-Third 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-Third Session of the Council will be opened in The Hague by the Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Olexandr Horin of Ukraine, at 10:00 on 16 July 2013.

2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Adoption of the agenda

2.1 The provisional agenda for the Seventy-Third Session was circulated under cover of EC-73/1/Rev.2, dated 12 July 2013.

2.2 Following the circulation of EC-73/1, the Permanent Representatives of Canada, France, Germany, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America requested the Chairperson of the Council and the Director-General to include on the provisional agenda for the session an additional agenda item entitled “Concerns About Use of Chemical Weapons in Syria” (EC-73/3*, dated 10 July 2013). A revised version of the provisional agenda, including this item, was circulated under cover of EC-73/1/Rev.2, dated 12 July 2013.

2.3 The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt the following agenda, which has been circulated under cover of EC-73/1/Rev.2:

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Opening statement by the Director-General

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4. Reports by the Vice-Chairpersons on the activities conducted under their respective clusters of issues
5. General debate
6. Concerns about use of chemical weapons in Syria
7. 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) Facility agreements
 - (e) Conversion of former chemical weapons production facilities
 - (f) Verification Implementation Report for 2012
 - (g) The content of the assistance-and-protection data bank and its use
 - (h) Timely submission of declarations under Article VI
8. International cooperation-and-assistance activities during the intersessional period
9. Report on the implementation in 2012 of the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight
10. Report of the Office of Internal Oversight for 2012
11. Draft annual report of the OPCW for 2012
12. OPCW Central Analytical Database
13. Administrative and financial matters:
 - (a) Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
 - (b) Status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor
 - (c) OPCW income and expenditure for the financial year to 31 December 2012
 - (d) Transfers of funds in 2012
 - (e) Composition of the Technical Secretariat

- (f) Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2012
14. Organisation of follow-up to the Third Review Conference²
 15. Report by the Committee on Relations with the Host Country
 16. Credentials of representatives of the members of the Executive Council
 17. Provisional agenda for the Eighteenth Session of the Conference of the States Parties
 18. Dates for regular sessions of the Executive Council in 2014
 19. Any other business
 20. Adoption of the report
 21. 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 Francesco Azzarello of Italy on chemical-industry and other Article VI issues, Mr Raj Kumar Singh of India on administrative and financial issues, and Ambassador Odette Melono of Cameroon on legal, organisational, and other issues.
- 5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – General debate**
- 6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – Concerns about use of chemical weapons in Syria**
- The Permanent Representatives of Canada, France, Germany, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America requested the Chairperson of the Council and the Director-General to include this item on the provisional agenda of the session (EC-73/3*).

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

7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Status of implementation of the Convention

Subitem 7(a): Reports by the Director-General on destruction-related issues

7.1 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-73/DG.8, dated 3 July 2013).

7.2 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-73/DG.11, dated 11 July 2013).

Subitem 7(b): Implementation of the Conference of the States Parties and Executive Council decisions on destruction-related issues

7.3 The Secretariat is expected to brief the Council on its destruction-related verification activities.

7.4 The States Parties concerned are expected to brief the Council on their destruction-related activities.

7.5 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 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-73/P/NAT.1, dated 18 June 2013).

7.6 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 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-73/NAT.1, dated 20 June 2013).

7.7 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-73/NAT.3, dated 24 June 2013).

- 7.8 Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6), a national paper by China (EC-73/NAT.4, dated 3 July 2013) and a national paper by Japan (EC-73/NAT.2, dated 14 June 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.
- 7.9 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the report of the visit by the Chairperson of the Council and representatives of the Council to the Pueblo Chemical Agent Destruction Pilot Plant, Colorado, and the Blue Grass Chemical Agent Destruction Pilot Plant, Kentucky, the United States of America, from 18 to 24 May 2013 (EC-73/2, dated 8 July 2013).

Subitem 7(c): Other verification-related issues

- 7.10 The Secretariat is expected to brief the Council on its other verification-related activities.

Subitem 7(d): Facility agreements

- 7.11 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General on the review of Schedule 2 facility agreements (EC-73/DG.9, dated 4 July 2013), and to adopt a decision on the termination of approved Schedule 2 facility agreements (EC-73/DEC/CRP.2, dated 4 July 2013).

Subitem 7(e): Conversion of former chemical weapons production facilities

- 7.12 The Council is **requested** to consider and approve the “Correction to the Detailed Plans for Destruction of the Facility for the Production of a Vx-Type Substance and Filling it into Munitions, Open Joint Stock Company ‘Khimprom’, Novocheboksarsk, Chuvash Republic, Russian Federation (Phase 1)” (EC-73/S/1, dated 28 May 2013). Subsequently, the corresponding decision will be updated accordingly (EC-XXII/DEC.1*, dated 6 December 2000).

Subitem 7(f): Verification Implementation Report for 2012

- 7.13 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the Verification Implementation Report (VIR) for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2012 (EC-73/HP/DG.1, dated 16 May 2013). The Council is also **requested** to note the comments and views received on the 2012 VIR (EC-73/HP/DG.2, dated 1 July 2013 and EC-73/DG.7, dated 2 July 2013), as well as the Chairperson’s summary of the informal consultations on it (EC-73/5, dated 10 July 2013).

Subitem 7(g): The content of the assistance-and-protection data bank and its use

- 7.14 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Secretariat on the content of the assistance-and-protection data bank and its use (EC-73/S/3, dated 10 June 2013).

Subitem 7(h): Timely submission of declarations under Article VI

7.15 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 Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) for the period from 1 January to 31 May 2013 (EC-73/DG.6, dated 24 June 2013).

8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – International cooperation and assistance activities during the intersessional period

The Secretariat is expected to brief the Council on its related activities in the intersessional period.

9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – Report on the implementation in 2012 of the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight

9.1 Further to the consideration of this issue at its previous session, the Council is **requested** to consider 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).

9.2 The facilitator for this issue, Ms Sakiko Hayakawa of Japan, is expected to report on consultations held during the intersessional period.

10. AGENDA ITEM TEN – Report of the Office of Internal Oversight for 2012

10.1 Further to the consideration of this issue at its previous session, the Council is **requested** to consider and note the annual report of the OIO for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2012 (EC-72/DG.2 C-18/DG.3, dated 2 April 2013), which the Director-General has submitted to it, along with his comments. 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.

10.2 The facilitator for this issue, Ms Sakiko Hayakawa of Japan, is expected to report on consultations held during the intersessional period.

11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Draft annual report of the OPCW for 2012

The Council is **requested** to consider the “Draft Report of the OPCW on the Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction in 2012”, and to forward it to the Conference for consideration at its Eighteenth Session (EC-73/CRP.1, dated 31 May 2013).

12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – OPCW Central Analytical Database

The Council is **requested** to consider a Note by the Director-General on the lists of new validated data of scheduled chemicals for approval by the Council for inclusion

in the OPCW Central Analytical Database (EC-73/DG.3, dated 11 June 2013) and to adopt a decision on the inclusion (EC-73/DEC/CRP.1, dated 17 June 2013).

13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – Administrative and financial matters

Subitem 13(a): Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters

- 13.1 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the report of the Thirty-Fourth Session of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters (ABAF), which took place from 27 to 29 May 2013 (ABAF-34/1, dated 29 May 2013), and a Note by the Director-General containing comments on the report of the ABAF at that session (EC-73/DG.10, dated 10 July 2013).
- 13.2 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the ABAF (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations) and to re-appoint Ms Mary B. Rios to the ABAF, retroactive to 10 July 2013, the date of her letter of nomination.
- 13.3 The Council is further **requested** to note a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the ABAF (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations) and to approve the nomination of Mrs Gönke Roscher of Germany to the ABAF, to replace Mr Artur Brunner, retroactive to the date of the letter of nomination for Mrs Roscher (10 July 2013).

Subitem 13(b): Status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor

- 13.4 Further to the consideration of this issue at its Seventy-First Session, the Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Secretariat on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor (EC-71/S/3, dated 29 January 2013).
- 13.5 The Council is **requested** to note a further Note by the Secretariat on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor (EC-73/S/4*, dated 12 June 2013).
- 13.6 The facilitator for this issue, Ms Sakiko Hayakawa of Japan, is expected to report on consultations held during the intersessional period.

Subitem 13(c): OPCW income and expenditure for the financial year to 31 December 2012

- 13.7 Further to the consideration of this issue at its Seventy-First Session, the Council is **requested** to note a report by the Director-General on OPCW income and expenditure for the financial year to 31 December 2012 (EC-71/DG.13, dated 5 February 2013).

Subitem 13(d): Transfers of funds in 2012

- 13.8 Further to the consideration of this issue at its Seventy-First Session, the Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General on transfers of funds during 2012 (EC-71/DG.14 C-18/DG.2, dated 5 February 2013).

Subitem 13(e): Composition of the Technical Secretariat

- 13.9 The Council is **requested** to note the “Annual Report by the Director-General on the Composition of the Technical Secretariat” (EC-73/DG.4, dated 14 June 2013).

Subitem 13(f): Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2012

- 13.10 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2012 (EC-73/DG.1, dated 10 June 2013).

14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Organisation of follow-up to the Third Review Conference

- 14.1 Further to the discussion at the previous session of the Council on the organisation of the follow-up to the Third Review Conference, the Secretariat produced a matrix document based on the report of the Third Review Conference (RC-3/3*, dated 19 April 2013), focusing on actionable items, taking into account the cluster structure of the Council, as well as ongoing facilitations, to avoid duplication of effort, and covering the history of recommendations and actionable items, as appropriate (EC-73/S/2, dated 4 June 2013).

- 14.2 Further to the same discussion, the Secretariat has also made available a non-paper on the role of the OPCW as a knowledge repository.

- 14.3 At its previous session, the Council also requested the Director-General to explore options for alternative conference venues, including options for expanding the Ieper Room, and to report to the Council at its next regular session.

15. AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – Report by the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

- 15.1 At its previous session, the Council decided to include this agenda item at its next regular session.

- 15.2 At the same session, the necessity to resolve issues under discussion by the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, ideally by the next session of the Council, was emphasised.

16. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Credentials of representatives of the members of the Executive Council

The Council is **requested** to consider and approve a report by the Director-General on the credentials of representatives of members of the Council (EC-73/DG.5, dated 17 June 2013) which covers the credentials of the newly-elected members of the Council.

17. AGENDA ITEM SEVENTEEN – Provisional agenda for the Eighteenth Session of the Conference of the States Parties

The Council is **requested** to draw up the provisional agenda for the Eighteenth Session of the Conference (EC-73/DG.2, dated 11 June 2013).

18. AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN – Dates for regular sessions of the Executive Council in 2014

The Council is **requested** to consider dates for its regular sessions in 2014.

19. AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN – Any other business

Appointment of the Director-General

A decision on the appointment of the Director-General will have to be taken by the Conference at its Eighteenth Session, upon the recommendation of the Council at its Seventy-Fourth Session. The Chairperson of the Council has circulated a note informing delegations about the procedures to be followed (EC-73/4, dated 9 July 2013).

20. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY – Adoption of the report

21. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-ONE – Closure

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