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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-Fourth 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-Fourth Session of the Council will be opened in The Hague by the Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Olexander Horin of Ukraine, at 10:00 on 8 October 2013.

2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Adoption of the agenda

The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt the following agenda, which has been circulated under cover of EC-74/1/Rev.1, dated 3 October 2013:

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
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

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- (c) Implementation of the decision of the Executive Council at its Thirty-Third Meeting (EC-M-33/DEC.1, dated 27 September 2013)
 - (d) Other verification-related issues
 - (e) Destruction-related plans and facility agreements
 - (f) Supplement to the Verification Implementation Report for 2012
 - (g) Status of implementation of Article VII
 - (h) Status of implementation of Article XI
 - (i) Status of implementation of the International Support Network for Victims of Chemical Weapons
 - (j) Progress made in the implementation of the action plan for the universality of the Convention
 - (k) Report by the Director-General on the Technical Secretariat's readiness to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use
7. Report of the Scientific Advisory Board
8. Administrative and financial matters:
- (a) Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
 - (b) Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2014, and all items pertaining to this Budget
 - (c) Financial Statements of the OPCW and the External Auditor's report for the year ending 31 December 2012
 - (d) OPCW income and expenditure for the financial year to 30 June 2013; the cash situation and the use of the Working Capital Fund for the financial year to 31 August 2013
 - (e) Status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans to regularise the payment of their outstanding annual contributions
 - (f) Recommendation for write-offs of irrecoverable accounts receivable and of losses of assets
 - (g) Implementation in 2013 of amendment to the Staff Regulations regarding downward classification of posts

9. Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference²
10. The OPCW Programme for Africa
11. Draft report of the Executive Council on the performance of its activities
12. Report by the Committee on Relations with the Host Country
13. Appointment of the Director-General
14. Any other business
15. Adoption of the report
16. 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, Ambassador Rajesh Nandan Prasad 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 – 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 (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).
- 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

² Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention

weapons (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

- 6.3 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Director-General on the schedule for submission by chemical weapons possessor States of the reports on their destruction activities after the extended deadline of 29 April 2012 (EC-74/DG.17, dated 2 October 2013).

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

- 6.4 The Secretariat is expected to brief the Council on its destruction-related verification activities.
- 6.5 The States Parties concerned are expected to brief the Council on their destruction-related activities.
- 6.6 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-74/NAT.3, dated 24 September 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 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-74/P/NAT.1, dated 24 September 2013).
- 6.8 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-74/NAT.2, dated 24 September 2013).
- 6.9 Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6), a national paper by China (EC-74/NAT.4, dated 26 September 2013) and a national paper by Japan (EC-74/NAT.1, dated 10 September 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.

- 6.10 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 Haerbaling abandoned chemical weapons destruction site, Jilin Province, China, from 9 to 13 September 2013 (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

Subitem 6(c): Implementation of the decision of the Executive Council at its Thirty-Third Meeting (EC-M-33/DEC.1, dated 27 September 2013)

- 6.11 The Council at its Thirty-Third Meeting adopted a decision on the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons (EC-M-33/DEC.1, dated 27 September 2013).

Subitem 6(d): Other verification-related issues

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

- 6.13 At its previous session (paragraph 6.14 of EC-73/6, dated 19 July 2013), the Council noted the Note by the Secretariat entitled "Update on the Matter Considered by the Executive Council at Its Sixty-Third Session Under Agenda Subitem 6(i)" (EC-73/S/7, dated 19 July 2013), concerning the issue of captive use of Schedule 1 chemicals in Denmark. To bring this matter to closure, in accordance with paragraph 5 of the above-mentioned Note, the Council noted the intention of the Secretariat to provide a further Note on this matter at its next regular session.

- 6.14 The Council is **requested** to note the Note by the Secretariat on further information concerning the issue of captive use of Schedule 1 chemicals (EC-74/S/2, dated 25 September 2013).

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

- 6.15 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 Maradykovsky, Kirovskaya Oblast, the Russian Federation (EC-74/DEC/CRP.2, dated 16 September 2013).

- 6.16 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 Maradykovsky, Kirovskaya Oblast, the Russian Federation (EC-74/S/1, dated 16 September 2013).

- 6.17 A proposed amendment to the aforementioned facility agreement has been submitted separately to the Council (EC-74/DEC/CRP.1, dated 16 September 2013), which is **requested** to consider and approve it. Related amendments to the agreed detailed plan for verification of the destruction of Category 1 chemical weapons at the CWDF located at Maradykovsky, Kirovskaya Oblast, the Russian Federation, are treated in paragraph 6.15 above.

Subitem 6(f): Supplement to the Verification Implementation Report for 2012

- 6.18 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the supplement to the Verification Implementation Report (VIR) for 2012 (EC-74/HP/DG.1, dated 19 September 2013).

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

- 6.19 Further to a decision by the Conference at its Fourteenth Session regarding the implementation of Article VII obligations (C-14/DEC.12, dated 4 December 2009), the Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General on the “Overview of the Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2013” (EC-74/DG.7 C-18/DG.9, dated 28 August 2013); a report by the Director-General on the “Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2013: Article VII - Initial Measures” (EC-74/DG.8 C-18/DG.10, dated 28 August 2013 and Corr.1, dated 11 September 2013); and a report by the Director-General entitled “Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2013: Additional Measures for States Parties that Possess Industrial Facilities Which Are Declarable Under the Convention” (EC-74/DG.9 C-18/DG.11, dated 28 August 2013 and Corr.1, dated 11 September 2013). The Council is **also requested** to submit the documents to the Conference at its Eighteenth Session, along with its recommendations, as appropriate, for consideration.
- 6.20 The facilitator for this issue, Dr Zlatko Dimitroff of Bulgaria, is expected to report on the consultations carried out during the intersessional period.

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

- 6.21 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the progress made and review of the status of implementation of Article XI of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) for the period from 1 January 2012 to 30 August 2013 (EC-74/DG.13 C-18/DG.14, dated 9 September 2013).
- 6.22 The facilitator for this issue, Mr Aamir Shouket of Pakistan, is expected to report on the consultations carried out during the intersessional period.

Subitem 6(i): Status of implementation of the International Support Network for Victims of Chemical Weapons

- 6.23 The Conference at its Sixteenth Session endorsed a proposal for the establishment of the international support network for victims of chemical weapons and the establishment of a voluntary trust fund for this purpose (C-16/DEC.13, dated 2 December 2011). It requested the Director-General to report every two years, through the Council, to the Conference at its regular sessions on the status of implementation of this decision (paragraph 5 of C-16/DEC.13).
- 6.24 The Council is **requested** to note the report by the Director-General on the status of implementation of the International Support Network for Victims of Chemical Weapons (EC-74/DG.12 C-18/DG.13, dated 9 September 2013).

Subitem 6(j): Progress made in the implementation of the action plan for the universality of the Convention

- 6.25 The Council at its Twenty-Third Meeting adopted an action plan for the universality of the Convention (EC-M-23/DEC.3, dated 24 October 2003). The plan requested the Director-General, inter alia, to submit to the Conference at its regular sessions an annual report on the implementation of the action plan, and to keep the Council regularly informed, so that the Conference and the Council may review progress and monitor its implementation effectively.
- 6.26 The facilitator for this issue, Ambassador Dziunik Aghajanian of Armenia, is expected to report on the consultations carried out during the intersessional period.
- 6.27 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the annual report on the implementation of the action plan for the universality of the Convention during the period from 16 August 2012 to 15 September 2013, which is being submitted to both the Council and the Conference (EC-74/DG.11 C-18/DG.12, dated 30 August 2013).

Subitem 6(k): Report by the Director-General on the Technical Secretariat's readiness to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use

- 6.28 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Director-General reporting on the readiness of the Secretariat to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use (EC-74/DG.15, dated 25 September 2013).

7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Report of the Scientific Advisory Board

- 7.1 The report of the Twentieth Session of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) (SAB-20/1, dated 14 June 2013) has been circulated to the members of the Council.
- 7.2 A Note by the Director-General entitled “The Impact of developments in science and technology in the context of the Chemical Weapons Convention” (EC-74/DG.1, dated 24 July 2013) has been circulated to the members of the Council.

8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – Administrative and financial matters

Subitem 8(a): Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters

- 8.1 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the report of the Thirty-Fifth Session of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters (ABAF), which took place from 2 to 4 September 2013 (ABAF-35/1, dated 4 September 2013), and a Note by the Director-General containing comments on the report of the ABAF at that session (EC-74/DG.16, dated 1 October 2013).

Subitem 8(b): Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2014, and all items pertaining to this Budget

- 8.2 In accordance with subparagraph 32(a) of Article VIII of the Convention, the Council is **requested** to consider the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014 (EC-74/CRP.1,

dated 12 July 2013) and to transmit it, together with its recommendation and any amendments it deems appropriate, to the Conference at its Eighteenth Session.

8.3 The co-facilitators for this issue, Ambassador Mauricio Aguilar Robles of Honduras and Mr Hugues Fantou of France, are expected to report on the consultations held during the intersessional period.

8.4 A revision to the Medium-Term Plan for the period from 2013 to 2015 (EC-70/S/1/Rev.1 C-17/S/1/Rev.1, dated 12 July 2013) has been circulated to the members of the Council, along with the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014 (EC-74/CRP.1).

8.5 A Note by the Secretariat on the programme performance for the year 2012 (S/1098/2013, dated 31 May 2013) has been circulated to the members of the Council.

Subitem 8(c): Financial Statements of the OPCW and the External Auditor's report for the year ending 31 December 2012

8.6 The Council is **requested** to note the Financial Statements of the OPCW and the report of the External Auditor for the year ending 31 December 2012 (EC-74/DG.3 C-18/DG.5, dated 30 July 2013) and forward them to the Conference for consideration at its Eighteenth Session. The report of the External Auditor is expected to be presented by Mr Christian Ahrendt, Vice-President of the Federal Court of Audit of Germany.

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

Subitem 8(d): OPCW income and expenditure for the financial year to 30 June 2013; the cash situation and the use of the Working Capital Fund for the financial year to 31 August 2013

8.8 The Council is **requested** to consider and forward to the Conference at its Eighteenth Session a report by the Director-General on OPCW income and expenditure for the financial year to 30 June 2013 (EC-74/DG.2 C-18/DG.4, dated 30 July 2013 and Corr.1, dated 9 August 2013).

8.9 The Council is **also requested** to consider and forward to the Conference at its Eighteenth Session a Note by the Director-General on the cash situation and the use of the Working Capital Fund for the financial year to 31 August 2013 (EC-74/DG.14 C-18/DG.15, dated 17 September 2013).

Subitem 8(e): Status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans to regularise the payment of their outstanding annual contribution

8.10 Further to a decision of the Conference at its Eleventh Session (C-11/DEC.5, dated 7 December 2006), the Council is **requested** to consider and forward to the Conference at its Eighteenth Session a Note by the Director-General on the status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans (EC-74/DG.5 C-18/DG.7, dated 20 August 2013).

Subitem 8(f): Recommendation for write-offs of irrecoverable accounts receivable and of losses of assets

- 8.11 The Council is **requested** to consider a Note by the Director-General on the recommendation for write-offs of irrecoverable accounts receivable and of losses of assets and to recommend that the Conference at its Eighteenth Session approve these write-offs, totalling EUR 125,467.94 (EC-74/DG.4 C-18/DG.6, dated 31 July 2013).

Subitem 8(g): Implementation in 2013 of amendment to the Staff Regulations regarding downward classification of posts

- 8.12 The Council is **requested** to note the report by the Director General on the implementation in 2013 of amendment to the Staff Regulations regarding downward classification of posts (EC-74/DG.10, dated 28 August 2013).

9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference

- 9.1 At its previous session, the Council welcomed a Note prepared by the Secretariat entitled “Matrix of Actionable Items Identified at the Third Review Conference” (EC-73/S/2, dated 4 June 2013), and requested the Director-General to submit to each regular session of the Council the updated version, which the Council is **requested** to consider and note (EC-74/S/3, dated 30 September 2013).
- 9.2 At its previous session, while emphasising that the basis for actionable items should always be the report of the Third Review Conference, the Council also requested the Vice-Chairpersons and/or facilitators to continue addressing and/or to initiate consultations on the actionable items, and to regularly report back to the Council on the progress of implementation (paragraph 13.2 of EC-73/6).
- 9.3 The Council also requested the Secretariat to provide, prior to the next regular session of the Council, the reports identified by the Third Review Conference that are important for decisions on the Programme and Budget for 2014 (paragraph 13.3 of EC-73/6).
- 9.4 At the same session, the Council noted the presentation by the Secretariat on follow-up to the Third Review Conference, entitled “The OPCW as Global Repository of Knowledge and Expertise on the Implementation of the CWC,” decided to continue to discuss this issue in the intersessional period, and asked the Secretariat to report again at the next session for its consideration (paragraph 13.5 of EC-73/6).
- 9.5 The Council also welcomed the presentation by the Secretariat on follow-up to the Third Review Conference, entitled “Presentation on Alternative Conference Venues,” decided to continue to discuss this issue in the intersessional period, and asked the Secretariat to report again at the next session. Further information was requested on the alternative of extending the Ieper Room and the possibility of holding sessions of the Conference in other cities; even options outside the territory of the Netherlands were also discussed. It was also requested that the Bureau address this issue (paragraph 13.6 of EC-73/6).

10. AGENDA ITEM TEN – The OPCW Programme for Africa

The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note on the Programme to Strengthen Cooperation with Africa on the Chemical Weapons Convention (EC-74/DG.6 C-18/DG.8, dated 20 August 2013).

11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Draft report of the Executive Council on the performance of its activities

The Council is **requested** to consider and approve a draft report on the performance of its activities in the period from 16 July 2012 to 19 July 2013 (EC-74/CRP.2, dated 22 August 2013), and to submit it to the Conference for consideration at its Eighteenth Session.

12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – Report by the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

12.1 At its previous session, the Chairperson informed the Council of the consultations that he had held with the Host Country and interested delegations in the intersessional period. So as to allow for a successful outcome of other ongoing consultations regarding issues on the agenda of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (hereinafter “the Host Country Committee”), the Chairperson advised the Council that the subsequent meeting of the Host Country Committee would be scheduled before the next session of the Council. He also reaffirmed the Council’s understanding that all open items would remain on the agenda of the Host Country Committee until they are resolved (paragraph 14 of EC-73/6).

12.2 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Host Country Committee on the performance of its activities from February to September 2013, and to submit it to the Conference for consideration at its Eighteenth Session (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – Appointment of the Director-General

13.1 At its previous session, the Chairperson submitted a Note to the Council regarding the appointment of the Director-General for the period from 2014 to 2018 (EC-73/4, dated 9 July 2013).

13.2 The Council is **requested** to approve a draft decision entitled “Recommendation to the Conference of the States Parties at its Eighteenth Session on the Renewal of the Appointment of the Director-General” (EC-74/DEC/CRP.3, dated 19 September 2013).

14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Any other business

Appointment of facilitators for informal consultations

In order to bring clarity into the process of appointing facilitators of informal consultations and with a view to ensuring its continued transparency and openness to all interested delegations, at its previous session the Council requested that its Chairperson report to the Seventy-Fourth Session of the Council on the outcome of its

consultations on the procedures that can guide the Council in the future, so as to achieve these objectives (paragraph 18.2 of EC-73/6).

- 15. AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – Adoption of the report**
- 16. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Closure**

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