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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-Fifth 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-Fifth 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 4 March 2014.

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-75/1/Rev.1, dated 27 February 2014:

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Opening statement by the Director-General
4. Briefing by the Special Coordinator of the OPCW-UN Joint Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic
5. Reports by the Vice-Chairpersons on the activities conducted under their respective clusters of issues
6. General debate
7. Status of implementation of the Convention:

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- (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) Timely submission of declarations under Article VI of the Convention
 - (f) Article XI: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat
 - (g) The Programme to Strengthen Cooperation with Africa on the Chemical Weapons Convention
 - (h) Implementation by the Technical Secretariat in 2013 of the regime governing the handling of confidential information
 - (i) Status of implementation of the Verification Information System
8. Report on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor
 9. Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference²
 10. Report by the Committee on Relations with the Host Country
 11. The OPCW's contribution to global anti-terrorism efforts
 12. Administrative and financial matters:
 - (a) OPCW income and expenditure for the financial year to 31 December 2013
 - (b) Transfers of funds in 2013
 - (c) Adjustment to the Director-General's gross salary
 13. Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Council
 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 – Briefing by the Special Coordinator of the OPCW-UN Joint Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic

The Special Coordinator of the OPCW-UN Joint Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic, Ms Sigrid Kaag, is expected to address the Council.

5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – 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.

6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – General debate

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-75/DG.7, dated 26 February 2014).

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

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.

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- 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-75/P/NAT.1, dated 17 February 2014 and Corr.1, dated 26 February 2014).
- 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-75/NAT.1, dated 11 February 2014).
- 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-75/NAT.3, dated 21 February 2014).
- 7.8 The Secretariat is expected to provide an update on the progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme.
- 7.9 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General reporting on progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme (EC-75/DG.6, dated 25 February 2014).
- 7.10 A national paper by the Syrian Arab Republic (EC-75/P/NAT.2, dated 24 February 2014) has been made available to the members of the Council.
- 7.11 The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision by the United States of America on Syrian chemical weapons production facilities (EC-75/DEC/CRP.6, dated 25 February 2014).
- 7.12 Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6), a national paper by China (EC-75/NAT.2, dated 12 February 2014) and a national paper by Japan (EC-75/NAT.4, dated 20 February 2014) on the overall progress of the destruction of chemical weapons abandoned by Japan on the territory of China have been circulated to the members of the Council.

Subitem 7(c): Other verification-related issues

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

Subitem 7(d): Destruction-related plans and facility agreements

- 7.14 The Secretariat has submitted to the Council a Note on amendments, modifications, and updates to the facility agreement regarding on-site inspections at the Rabta Toxic Chemicals Destruction Facility, Libya, and amendments to the agreed detailed plan for verification for that facility (EC-75/S/1, dated 30 October 2013).
- 7.15 Proposed amendments to the aforementioned facility agreement have been submitted separately to the Council (EC-75/DEC/CRP.1, dated 30 October 2013), which is **requested** to consider and approve it. Related amendments to the agreed detailed plan for verification of the destruction of chemical weapons at the Rabta Toxic Chemicals Destruction Facility, Libya, are treated in paragraph 7.16 below.
- 7.16 The Council is **requested** to consider and approve amendments to the agreed detailed plan for verification of the destruction of chemical weapons at the Rabta Toxic Chemicals Destruction Facility, Libya (EC-75/DEC/CRP.2, dated 30 October 2013).
- 7.17 The Council is **requested** to consider and approve the agreed detailed plan for verification of the destruction of the Category 1 chemical weapons at the chemical weapons destruction facility (CWDF) located at Kizner, Udmurt Republic, the Russian Federation (EC-75/DEC/CRP.4 and EC-75/P/DEC/CRP.1, both dated 27 January 2014).
- 7.18 The Council is **requested** to consider and approve the facility agreement with the Russian Federation regarding on-site inspections at the CWDF located at Kizner, Udmurt Republic, the Russian Federation (EC-75/DEC/CRP.5 and EC-75/P/DEC/CRP.2, both dated 27 January 2014).
- 7.19 The Secretariat has submitted to the Council a Note on modifications and updates to the facility agreement with China regarding on-site inspections at a single small-scale facility (EC-75/S/3, dated 14 January 2014).
- 7.20 The Secretariat has also submitted to the Council a Note on a modification to the facility agreement with Norway regarding on-site inspections at a Schedule 1 protective purposes facility (EC-75/S/2, dated 14 January 2014).
- 7.21 The Council is **requested** to consider and approve a facility agreement with the United States of America specifying the arrangements governing on-site inspections at commercial facilities (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).
- 7.22 The Council is **requested** to consider and approve an arrangement with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland specifying the arrangements governing on-site inspections at commercial facilities (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

- 7.23 The Council is **requested** to consider and approve an agreement with Finland specifying the arrangements governing on-site inspections at commercial facilities (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

Subitem 7(e): Timely submission of declarations under Article VI of the Convention

- 7.24 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 for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013 (EC-75/DG.1, dated 15 January 2014).

Subitem 7(f): Article XI: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat

- 7.25 The facilitator for this issue, Mr Tariq Karim of Pakistan, is expected to report on the consultations carried out during the intersessional period.

- 7.26 The Secretariat will make a presentation on the programme of activities related to Article XI for 2014.

Subitem 7(g): The Programme to Strengthen Cooperation with Africa on the Chemical Weapons Convention

- 7.27 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Director-General on the Third Phase of the Programme to Strengthen Cooperation with Africa on the Chemical Weapons Convention (EC-75/DG.5, dated 17 February 2014).

Subitem 7(h): Implementation by the Technical Secretariat in 2013 of the regime governing the handling of confidential information

- 7.28 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the regime governing the handling of confidential information by the Secretariat in 2013 (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

Subitem 7(i): Status of implementation of the Verification Information System

- 7.29 The Council is **requested** to take note of a status report on the Verification Information System (EC-75/S/4, dated 15 January 2014)

8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – Report on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor

- 8.1 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Secretariat on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor (EC-75/S/5, dated 15 January 2014).

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

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

At its Seventy-Third Session, the Council requested the Director-General to submit to each regular session of the Council the updated version of the “Matrix of Actionable Items Identified at the Third Review Conference” (paragraph 13.1 of EC-73/6, dated 19 July 2013), which the Council is **requested** to consider and note (EC-75/S/7, dated 18 February 2014).

10. AGENDA ITEM TEN – Report by the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Committee on Relations with the Host Country on the performance of its activities in the intersessional period (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – The OPCW’s contribution to global anti-terrorism efforts

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-75/DG.3, dated 12 February 2014).

12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – Administrative and financial matters

Subitem 12(a): OPCW income and expenditure for the financial year to 31 December 2013

- 12.1 The Council is **requested** to note a report by the Director-General on OPCW income and expenditure for the financial year to 31 December 2013 (EC-75/DG.2, dated 10 February 2014).

Subitem 12(b): Transfers of funds in 2013

- 12.2 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General on transfers of funds during 2013 (EC-75/DG.4 C-19/DG.1, dated 13 February 2014).

Subitem 12(c): Adjustment to the Director-General’s gross salary

- 12.3 In accordance with a decision of the Conference at its First Special Session (C-SS-1/DEC.4, dated 25 July 2002) stipulating that the terms of appointment of the Director-General shall be subject to adjustments by the Council to keep the terms in line with those of other executive heads within the United Nations system, the Council is **requested** to adopt a decision adjusting the Director-General’s gross salary (EC-75/DEC/CRP.3, dated 21 January 2014).

13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – 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 2014, the Council is **requested** to elect its new Chairperson for a term of office ending on 11 May 2015, 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.

14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Any other business

Nomination for membership of the Advisory Board on Administrative and Financial Matters

The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the Advisory Board on Administrative and Financial Matters (ABAF) (EC-75/S/6, dated 18 February 2014) and to approve the nomination of Mr Alok Vardhan Chaturvedi of India to the ABAF, to replace Mr Subhash Chandra Garg, retroactive to the date of the letter of nomination for Mr Chaturvedi (8 January 2014).

15. AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – Adoption of the report

16. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Closure

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