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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, 8-11 JULY 2014

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-Sixth 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-Sixth Session of the Council will be opened in The Hague by the Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Álvaro Moerzinger of Uruguay, at 10:00 on 8 July 2014.

2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Adoption of the agenda

2.1 The provisional agenda for the Seventy-Sixth Session was circulated under cover of EC-76/2, dated 3 June 2014.

2.2 Following the circulation of EC-76/2, the Permanent Representative of Argentina submitted a request to the Chairperson of the Council and the Director-General to include on the provisional agenda for the session an additional agenda item entitled “Education and Outreach” (EC-76/3, dated 5 June 2014). A revised version of the provisional agenda, including this item, was circulated under cover of EC-76/2/Rev.1*, dated 13 June 2014.

2.3 The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt the following agenda, which has been circulated under cover of EC-76/2/Rev.3, dated 30 June 2014:

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. 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) Verification Implementation Report for 2013
 - (f) The content of the assistance-and-protection data bank and its use
 - (g) Timely submission of declarations under Article VI
 - (h) Article VII: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat
 - (i) Article X: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat
 - (j) Report by the Director-General on the Technical Secretariat's readiness to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use
7. Summary report of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria
8. OPCW Central Analytical Database
9. Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight
 - (a) Report on the implementation in 2013 of the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight
 - (b) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight for 2013
10. Draft annual Report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Convention in 2013
11. Administrative and financial matters:
 - (a) Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
 - (b) Composition of the Technical Secretariat
 - (c) Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2013

- (d) Amendment to Interim Staff Rule 4.1.05 on retirement
- (e) Proposal for the rehiring of inspectors
- 12. Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference²
- 13. Education and outreach
- 14. Credentials of representatives of the members of the Executive Council
- 15. Provisional agenda for the Nineteenth Session of the Conference of the States Parties
- 16. Dates for regular sessions of the Executive Council in 2015
- 17. Any other business
- 18. Adoption of the report
- 19. 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 Vesela Mrđen Korać of Croatia on chemical weapons issues, Ambassador Francesco Azzarello of Italy on chemical industry and other Article VI issues, Ambassador Masaru Tsuji of Japan on administrative and financial issues, and Ambassador Dr Ali Gebril Werfeli of Libya 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).

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

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

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 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 Kizner chemical weapons destruction facility in the Russian Federation, from 14 to 18 April 2014 (EC-76/1, dated 30 May 2014).
- 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-76/NAT.2, dated 12 June 2014).
- 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 (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).
- 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 (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).
- 6.9 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-76/DG.14, dated 25 June 2014).

- 6.10 A national paper by the Syrian Arab Republic has been made available to the members of the Council (EC-76/P/NAT.1, dated 16 June 2014).
- 6.11 At its Forty-Second Meeting, the Council further considered the combined plans for the destruction and verification of chemical weapons production facilities in the Syrian Arab Republic (EC-M-40/DG.2, dated 27 March 2014), and decided to continue consideration at its forthcoming session.
- 6.12 The Council is **requested** to note an overall report by the Director-General on the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).
- 6.13 Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6), a national paper by China and a national paper by Japan 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 (these documents will be assigned official reference numbers when they are made available to delegations).

Subitem 6(c): Other verification-related issues

- 6.14 The Secretariat is expected to brief the Council on its other verification-related activities.
- 6.15 The Secretariat will make a presentation on the Secure Information Exchange (SIX) project.

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

- 6.16 The Secretariat has submitted to the Council a Note on amendments to the facility agreement with the Slovak Republic regarding on-site inspections at a Schedule 1 protective purposes facility (EC-76/S/3, dated 16 June 2014).
- 6.17 The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on amendments to the aforementioned facility agreement (EC-76/DEC/CRP.3, dated 16 June 2014). The amendments have been submitted separately to the Council (EC-76/P/DEC/CRP.1, dated 16 June 2014), which is **requested** to consider and approve them. The amendments to the facility agreement are reflected (in red-lining, for ease of reference) in the revised version of the facility agreement.
- 6.18 The Council is **requested** to consider and approve the agreed detailed plan for verification of the destruction of chemical weapons at the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant Explosive Destruction System, located at Pueblo, Colorado, the United States of America (EC-76/DEC/CRP.4, dated 23 June 2014).
- 6.19 The Council is **requested** to consider and approve the facility agreement with the United States of America regarding on-site inspections at the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant Explosive Destruction System, located at Pueblo, Colorado, the United States of America (EC-76/DEC/CRP.5, dated 23 June 2014).

Subitem 6(e): Verification Implementation Report for 2013

- 6.20 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the Verification Implementation Report (VIR) for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013 (EC-76/HP/DG.1*, dated 29 April 2014). The Council is also **requested** to note the Chairperson's summary of the informal consultations on it (EC-76/4, dated 25 June 2014).

Subitem 6(f): The content of the assistance-and-protection data bank and its use

- 6.21 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-76/S/2, dated 11 June 2014).

Subitem 6(g): Timely submission of declarations under Article VI

- 6.22 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 2014 (EC-76/DG.10*, dated 11 June 2014).
- 6.23 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-76/DG.3, dated 3 April 2014).

Subitem 6(h): Article VII: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat

- 6.24 The facilitator for this issue, Dr Zlatko Dimitroff of Bulgaria, is expected to report on the consultations carried out during the intersessional period.
- 6.25 The Secretariat will make a presentation on the status of implementation of Article VII.

Subitem 6(i): Article X: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat

- 6.26 The facilitator for this issue, Ms Sarah Broughton of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, is expected to report on the consultations carried out during the intersessional period.
- 6.27 The Secretariat will make a presentation on the status of implementation of Article X.

Subitem 6(j): 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-76/DG.11, dated 12 June 2014).

7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Summary report of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria

At the Forty-Second Meeting of the Council on 17 June 2014, the Secretariat circulated the summary report of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria covering the period from 3 to 31 May 2014 (S/1191/2014, dated 16 June 2014). Delegations requested more time to study the report and to revert to the matter at a later stage.

8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – 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-76/DG.4, dated 22 April 2014) and to adopt a decision on their inclusion (EC-76/DEC/CRP.1, dated 27 May 2014).

9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight

Subitem 9 (a) Report on the implementation in 2013 of the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight

9.1 The Council is **requested** to consider a report by the Director-General on the implementation in 2013 of the recommendations contained in the 2012 annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight (OIO) (EC-76/DG.1, dated 17 March 2014).

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

Subitem 9 (b) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight for 2013

9.3 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the annual report of the OIO for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013 (EC-76/DG.2 C-19/DG.3, dated 27 March 2014), 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 Nineteenth Session, together with his own comments and any that the Council may deem appropriate.

9.4 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 – Draft annual report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Convention in 2013

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 2013” (EC-76/CRP.1, dated 19 May 2014), and to forward it to the Conference for consideration at its Nineteenth Session.

11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Administrative and financial matters

Subitem 11(a): Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters

11.1 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the report of the Thirty-Sixth Session of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters (ABAF), which took place from 2 to 5 June 2014 (ABAF-36/1, dated 5 June 2014), and a Note by the Director-General containing comments on the report of the ABAF at that session (EC-76/DG.13, dated 24 June 2014).

11.2 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the ABAF (EC-76/S/1, dated 3 June 2014) and to appoint Mr Teddy Bongezile Ceke of South Africa to a second term with the ABAF.

Subitem 11(b): Composition of the Technical Secretariat

11.3 The Council is **requested** to note the Director-General’s “Annual Report on the Composition of the Technical Secretariat” (EC-76/DG.9, dated 4 June 2014).

Subitem 11(c): Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2013

11.4 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2013 (EC-76/DG.7, dated 3 June 2014).

Subitem 11(d): Amendment to Interim Staff Rule 4.1.05 on retirement

11.5 The Council is **requested** to consider the proposed amendment to Interim Staff Rule 4.1.05 (EC-76/DG.12, dated 16 June 2014) and to adopt a draft decision on this matter (EC-76/DEC/CRP.2, dated 16 June 2014).

Subitem 11(e): Proposal for the rehiring of inspectors

11.6 At its Thirty-Fifth Meeting, the Council requested the Chairperson of the ABAF to consult with the other members of the ABAF regarding the financial implications of rehiring inspectors, and to report back to the next regular session of the Council, with a view to taking a decision at that meeting. The Secretariat was also requested to inform the Council at its next regular session whether there would be, or would not be, any additional financial implications with the implementation of the proposed initiative (paragraph 6 of EC-M-35/3, dated 29 November 2013).

- 11.7 The Council is **requested** to note the Note by the Secretariat on the rehiring of former inspectors (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – 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 (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – Education and outreach

- 13.1 The Permanent Representative of Argentina submitted a request to the Chairperson of the Council and the Director-General to include an agenda item entitled “Education and Outreach” on the provisional agenda of this session (EC-76/3).
- 13.2 A national paper by Argentina entitled “Final Report on the Regional Meeting on Education in the Responsible Application of Knowledge of Dual-Use Chemicals, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 7–9 April 2014” has been made available (EC-76/NAT.1, dated 5 June 2014).
- 13.3 The Secretariat circulated a note on ongoing and planned awareness-raising education and outreach activities (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – 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, which covers the credentials of the newly elected members of the Council (EC-76/DG.8, dated 4 June 2014).

15. AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – Provisional agenda for the Nineteenth Session of the Conference of the States Parties

The Council is **requested** to draw up the provisional agenda for the Nineteenth Session of the Conference (EC-76/DG.6, dated 27 May 2014).

16. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Dates for regular sessions of the Executive Council in 2015

The Council is **requested** to consider dates for its regular sessions in 2015.

17. AGENDA ITEM SEVENTEEN – Any other business

Draft Enterprise Resource Planning Strategy for the OPCW

The Secretariat will make presentations on the draft Enterprise Resource Planning Strategy for the OPCW.

- 18. AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN – Adoption of the report**
- 19. AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN – Closure**

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