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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL**SCHEDULE FOR SUBMISSION BY CHEMICAL WEAPONS POSSESSOR STATES
OF THE REPORTS ON THEIR DESTRUCTION ACTIVITIES AFTER THE EXTENDED
DEADLINE OF 29 APRIL 2012****BACKGROUND**

1. At its Sixteenth Session, the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”) decided that, if the final extended deadline established by previous decisions (C-10/DEC.10, dated 10 November 2005; and C-11/DEC.17 and C-11/DEC.18, both dated 8 December 2006) would not be fully met, “[t]he destruction of the remaining chemical weapons in the possessor States concerned shall be completed in the shortest time possible in accordance with the provisions of the Convention and its Verification Annex and under the verification of the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation as prescribed under the Convention and its Verification Annex” (C-16/DEC.11, dated 1 December 2011).
2. In the same decision, the Conference decided that each possessor State concerned was “to report, and provide a briefing in a closed meeting, at each regular session of the Executive Council on the progress achieved towards the complete destruction of remaining stockpiles, including information on measures to accelerate such progress, and identifying progress made since the last briefing in order to meet the planned completion date” (subparagraph 3(d) of C-16/DEC.11).
3. Furthermore, each possessor State concerned is to provide the Conference with an annual report on the progress in the destruction of its remaining stockpiles of chemical weapons (subparagraph 3(f) of C-16/DEC.11).
4. Finally, the Conference at its Sixteenth Session stated that the Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Third Review Conference”) was to conduct a comprehensive review on the implementation of the decision on the final extended deadline of 29 April 2012 (C-16/DEC.11) based, inter alia, on “[r]eports by the possessor States concerned on the progress achieved to meet the planned completion date” (subparagraph 3(h)(i) of C-16/DEC.11).



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5. Thus, in accordance with the decision of the Conference on the final extended deadline of 29 April 2012 (C-16/DEC.11), the remaining possessor States are to report at each regular session of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) and at each session of the Conference on the progress achieved towards the complete destruction of remaining stockpiles since the last briefing, including measures to expedite such progress and to overcome any problems in the destruction programme.
6. The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) has considered the reporting obligations as contained in the decision of the Conference (C-16/DEC.11) and, taking into account the schedule of meetings and programme of work of the Council and Conference, and the recommendations of the Third Review Conference, offers the following views on how these reporting requirements could be met in 2015 by the possessor States concerned.
7. Considering that the reports submitted by the possessor States should clearly provide continuous coverage of the progress of destruction, and bearing in mind the time required for a State Party to compile the information for each report, an inevitable time lag between the collection of information and its reporting to the Secretariat will occur. Therefore, the Secretariat proposes that each report cover the period until the last day of the month prior to the date on which the report is to be submitted.
8. The end-of-month cut-off date is consistent with the site reporting periods used by OPCW inspection teams and the possessor States concerned.
9. The Secretariat proposes the following reporting schedule for 2015:
 - (a) The destruction progress report for the Seventy-Eighth Session of the Council is to be submitted to the Secretariat by 25 February 2015 (the cut-off date for the information contained in the report is 31 January 2015).
 - (b) The destruction progress report for the Seventy-Ninth Session of the Council is to be submitted to the Secretariat by 17 June 2015 (the cut-off date for the information contained in the report is 31 May 2015).
 - (c) The destruction progress report for the Eightieth Session of the Council is to be submitted to the Secretariat by 16 September 2015 (the cut-off date for the information contained in the report is 31 August 2015).
 - (d) The destruction progress report for the Twentieth Session of the Conference is to be submitted to the Secretariat by 16 November 2015 (the cut-off date for the information contained in the report is 31 October 2015).
10. The Secretariat is of the view that the proposed reporting schedule takes into account the practical issues relating to the gathering of information and the 2015 programme of work of the Council and Conference, and would allow the implementation of the reporting requirements in a manner that is fully consistent with the decision taken by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session (C-16/DEC.11).