



ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE EIGHTIETH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 6 – 9 OCTOBER 2015

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 Eightieth 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 Eightieth Session of the Council will be opened in The Hague by the Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Francesco Azzarello of Italy, at 10:00 on 6 October 2015.

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-80/1/Rev.2, dated 29 September 2015:

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Election of a Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Council
4. Opening statement by the Director-General
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:
 - (a) Reports by the Director-General on destruction-related issues

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- (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) Technical Secretariat's activities: update on the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria
 - (f) Supplement to the Verification Implementation Report for 2014
 - (g) Status of implementation of Article VII
 - (h) Status of implementation of Article X
 - (i) Status of implementation of Article XI
 - (j) Status of implementation of the International Support Network for Victims of Chemical Weapons
 - (k) Progress made in the implementation of the action plan for the universality of the Convention
8. Designated laboratories and proficiency tests:
- (a) Additional guidelines on the designation of laboratories for the analysis of authentic samples
 - (b) Designation of laboratories for the analysis of authentic biomedical samples and guidelines for the conduct of biomedical proficiency tests
9. Report of the Scientific Advisory Board
10. Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference²
11. Education and outreach:
- (a) Establishment of an Advisory Board on Education and Outreach
 - (b) Briefing by the Technical Secretariat on ongoing and planned awareness-raising and education-and-outreach activities
12. Administrative and financial matters:
- (a) Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
 - (b) Nominations for membership of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters

- (c) Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise-resource-planning system
 - (d) Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2016, and all items pertaining to this Budget
 - (e) Establishment of a special fund for OPCW special missions and withholding of the distribution of the cash surplus for 2013
 - (f) Financial Statements of the OPCW and the External Auditor's report for the year ending 31 December 2014
 - (g) Status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor
 - (h) Cash situation as at 31 August 2015
 - (i) Status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans to regularise the payment of their outstanding annual contributions
 - (j) Recommendation for write-offs of irrecoverable accounts receivable and of losses of assets
 - (k) Implementation of the amendment to the Staff Regulations regarding downward classification of posts during the period from 14 August 2014 to 13 August 2015
13. The OPCW Programme for Africa
 14. Draft report of the Executive Council on the performance of its activities
 15. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country
 16. Agreement on the privileges and immunities of the OPCW
 17. Credentials of representatives of the members of the Executive Council
 18. Any other business
 19. Adoption of the report
 20. Closure

3. AGENDA ITEM THREE – Election of a Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Council

In accordance with Rule 8 of its Rules of Procedure, if one of the Vice-Chairpersons is unable to continue his or her functions, the Council shall elect a new Vice-Chairperson for the unexpired term of office.

4. AGENDA ITEM FOUR – 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).

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 Ilze Rūse of Latvia on chemical weapons issues, Ambassador Jong-hyun Choe of the Republic of Korea on chemical-industry and other Article VI issues, Ambassador Willys Delvalle of Panama on administrative and financial issues, and Ambassador Rose Makena Muchiri of Kenya 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 with respect to the destruction of the remaining chemical weapons stockpiles (EC-80/DG.22, dated 28 September 2015).

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-80/DG.21, dated 28 September 2015).

7.3 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-80/DG.17, dated 14 September 2015).

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

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

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

7.6 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-80/NAT.1, dated 16 September 2015).

- 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 the Russian Federation on the progress achieved towards complete 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-80/P/NAT.4, dated 15 September 2015).
- 7.8 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-80/NAT.2, dated 21 September 2015).
- 7.9 The Council is **requested** to note three Notes by the Director-General reporting on progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme (EC-80/DG.2, dated 23 July 2015; EC-80/DG.4, dated 24 August 2015; and EC-80/DG.20, dated 23 September 2015).
- 7.10 The twentieth, twenty-first, and twenty-second monthly reports by the Syrian Arab Republic on activities related to the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons production facilities as at the cut-off dates of 15 July, 15 August, and 15 September 2015 respectively have been made available to the members of the Council (EC-80/P/NAT.1, dated 15 July 2015; EC-80/P/NAT.2, dated 18 August 2015; and EC-80/P/NAT.3, dated 17 September 2015).
- 7.11 Further to its consideration of this issue at previous sessions, the Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Secretariat on the retention of samples of Syrian chemical weapons (EC-77/S/3, dated 12 September 2014) and to consider and adopt a draft decision on the matter (EC-77/DEC/CRP.2, dated 12 September 2014).
- 7.12 Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6), a national paper by China (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations) and a national paper by Japan (EC80/NAT.3, dated 17 September 2015) 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.

- 7.14 The Secretariat is also expected to provide a follow-up briefing on the activities of the Declaration Assessment Team.
- 7.15 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Secretariat entitled “Report on the Work of the Declaration Assessment Team Covering the Period April 2014 to September 2015” (EC-80/P/S/1, dated 29 September 2015).
- 7.16 The Secretariat is also expected to brief the Council on the destruction of the chemical weapons production facilities in the Syrian Arab Republic.

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

- 7.17 The Secretariat has submitted to the Council a Note on modifications to the facility agreement with the United States of America regarding on-site inspections at the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant Explosive Destruction System chemical weapons destruction facility, Pueblo, Colorado, the United States of America (EC-80/S/3*, dated 9 September 2015).
- 7.18 The Secretariat has also submitted to the Council a Note on amendments, modifications, and updates to the facility agreement with the United States of America regarding on-site inspections at the Prototype Detonation Test and Destruction Facility, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, the United States of America, and to the agreed detailed plan for verification of the destruction of chemical weapons at that facility (EC-80/S/7, dated 28 September 2015).
- 7.19 Proposed amendments to the aforementioned facility agreement have been submitted separately to the Council, which is **requested** to consider and approve them (EC-80/DEC/CRP.4, dated 28 September 2015). Related amendments to the agreed detailed plan for verification of the destruction of chemical weapons at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Prototype Detonation Test and Destruction Facility, Maryland, the United States of America, are treated in paragraph 7.20 below.
- 7.20 The Council is **requested** to consider and approve amendments to the agreed detailed plan for verification of the destruction of chemical weapons at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Prototype Detonation Test and Destruction Facility of the United States of America (EC-80/DEC/CRP.5, dated 28 September 2015).

Subitem 7(e): Technical Secretariat’s activities: update on the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria

- 7.21 The Director-General is expected to provide an update in regard to the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria.

Subitem 7(f): Supplement to the Verification Implementation Report for 2014

- 7.22 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the supplement to the Verification Implementation Report (VIR) for 2014 (EC-80/HP/DG.1, dated 31 August 2015).

Subitem 7(g): Status of implementation of Article VII

- 7.23 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 report by the Director-General on the “Overview of the Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2015” (EC-80/DG.14 C-20/DG.11, dated 10 September 2015); a report by the Director-General on the “Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2015: Article VII – Initial Measures” (EC-80/DG.15 C-20/DG.12, dated 10 September 2015); and a report by the Director-General on the “Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2015: Additional Measures for States Parties that Possess Industrial Facilities Which Are Declarable Under the Convention” (EC-80/DG.16 C-20/DG.13, dated 10 September 2015). The Council is **also requested** to submit the documents to the Conference at its Twentieth Session, along with its recommendations, as appropriate, for consideration.

Subitem 7(h): Status of implementation of Article X

- 7.24 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the status of implementation of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) as at 30 June 2015 (EC-80/DG.8, dated 31 August 2015).
- 7.25 The facilitator for this issue, Mr Szymon Bocheński of Poland, is expected to report on the consultations carried out during the intersessional period.

Subitem 7(i): Status of implementation of Article XI

- 7.26 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the progress made and review of the status of the implementation of Article XI of the Convention (EC-80/DG.10 C-20/DG.8, dated 8 September 2015).

Subitem 7(j): Status of implementation of the International Support Network for Victims of Chemical Weapons

- 7.27 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).
- 7.28 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-80/DG.12 C-20/DG.10, dated 9 September 2015).

Subitem 7(k): Progress made in the implementation of the action plan for the universality of the Convention

- 7.29 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.
- 7.30 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 2014 to 15 August 2015, which is being submitted to both the Council and the Conference (EC-80/DG.11 C-20/DG.9, dated 9 September 2015).

8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – Designated laboratories and proficiency tests

Subitem 8(a): Additional guidelines on the designation of laboratories for the analysis of authentic samples

- 8.1 The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the additional guidelines on the designation of laboratories for the analysis of authentic samples (EC-80/DEC/CRP.2, dated 16 September 2015).

Subitem 8(b): Designation of laboratories for the analysis of authentic biomedical samples and guidelines for the conduct of biomedical proficiency tests

- 8.2 The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the designation of laboratories for the analysis of authentic biomedical samples and guidelines for the conduct of biomedical proficiency tests (EC-80/DEC/CRP.3, dated 21 September 2015).

9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – Report of the Scientific Advisory Board

- 9.1 The report of the Twenty-Second Session of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) (SAB-22/1, dated 21 July 2015) has been circulated to the members of the Council.
- 9.2 A Note by the Director-General entitled “The Impact of Developments in Science and Technology in the Context of the Chemical Weapons Convention” (EC-80/DG.7, dated 28 August 2015) has been circulated to the members of the Council.
- 9.3 The Chairperson of the SAB, Dr Christopher Timperley, is expected to make a presentation on the SAB’s report and activities.

10. AGENDA ITEM TEN – Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference

At its Seventy-Third Session (paragraph 13.1 of EC-73/6, dated 19 July 2013), 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”, which the Council is **requested** to consider and note (EC-79/S/3/Add.1, dated 18 September 2015 and Corr.1, dated 28 September 2015).

11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Education and outreach

Subitem 11(a): Establishment of an Advisory Board on Education and Outreach

11.1 Further to its consideration of this issue at its previous Session, the Council is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the establishment of an Advisory Board on Education and Outreach (EC-79/DEC/CRP.4, dated 29 May 2015), and to transmit it to the Conference for approval at its Twentieth Session.

Subitem 11(b): Briefing by the Technical Secretariat on ongoing and planned awareness-raising and education-and-outreach activities

11.2 The Secretariat is expected to provide a briefing to the Council on ongoing and planned awareness-raising and education-and-outreach activities.

12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – Administrative and financial matters

Subitem 12(a): Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters

12.1 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the report of the Thirty-Ninth Session of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters (ABAF), which took place from 31 August to 3 September 2015 (ABAF-39/1, dated 3 September 2015), and a Note by the Director-General containing comments on the report of the ABAF at that session (EC-80/DG.19, dated 18 September 2015).

Subitem 12(b): Nominations for membership of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters

12.2 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the ABAF (EC-80/S/1, dated 13 August 2015), and to appoint Mr Shoaib Sarwar of Pakistan, retroactive to the date of the letter of nomination for Mr Sarwar (3 August 2015).

12.3 The Council is **also requested** to note a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the ABAF (EC-80/S/4, dated 10 September 2015) and to appoint Mr Max McClellan of the United States of America to replace Ms Mary B. Rios, retroactive to the date of the letter of nomination for Mr McClellan (24 August 2015).

12.4 The Council is **further requested** to note a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the ABAF (EC-80/S/5, dated 25 September 2015), and to appoint Mr Peter Maddens of Belgium, retroactive to the date of the letter of nomination for Mr Maddens (7 September 2015).

12.5 The Council is **further requested** to note a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the ABAF (EC-80/S/6, dated 25 September 2015) and to appoint

Mrs Claudia Spahl of Germany to replace Mrs Gönke Roscher, retroactive to the date of the letter of nomination for Ms Spahl (23 September 2015).

Subitem 12(c): Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise-resource-planning system

- 12.6 Further to the decision by the Conference at its Nineteenth Session on the implementation of an enterprise-resource-planning (ERP) system and the establishment of a special fund for this purpose (C-19/DEC.7, dated 3 December 2014), the Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General reporting on the status of implementation of the ERP system (EC-80/DG.9/Rev.1, dated 15 September 2015).

Subitem 12(d): Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2016, and all items pertaining to this Budget

- 12.7 In accordance with subparagraph 32(a) of Article VIII of the Convention, the Council is **requested** to consider the Draft Programme and Budget for 2016 (EC-80/CRP.1, dated 3 July 2015) and to transmit it, together with its recommendation and any amendments it deems appropriate, to the Conference at its Twentieth Session.
- 12.8 The co-facilitators for this issue, Ambassador Eduardo Rodríguez Veltzé of Bolivia (Plurinational State of) and Mr Antti Vaaras of Finland, are expected to report on the consultations held during the intersessional period.
- 12.9 A Note by the Secretariat on the programme performance for the year 2014 (S/1267/2015, dated 20 April 2015 and Corr.1, dated 18 May 2015) has been circulated to the members of the Council.

Subitem 12(e): Establishment of a special fund for OPCW special missions and withholding of the distribution of the cash surplus for 2013

- 12.10 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General on the request for the establishment of a special fund for OPCW special missions and withholding of the distribution of the cash surplus for 2013 (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations), to consider and adopt a draft decision on the matter (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations), and to transmit it to the Conference for approval at its Twentieth Session.

Subitem 12(f): Financial Statements of the OPCW and the External Auditor's report for the year ending 31 December 2014

- 12.11 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 2014 (EC-80/DG.1 C-20/DG.4, dated 13 July 2015) and to forward them to the Conference for consideration at its Twentieth Session. The report of the External Auditor is expected to be presented by Mr Michael Schrenk, Director of the Federal Court of Auditors, Germany.

12.12 The facilitator for this issue, Mr Eric Smith of the United States of America, is expected to report on consultations held during the intersessional period.

Subitem 12(g): Status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor

12.13 Further to its consideration of this issue at its previous sessions, 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-78/S/2, dated 23 January 2015).

12.14 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a second Note by the Secretariat on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor (EC-80/S/2, dated 26 August 2015).

Subitem 12(h): Cash situation as at 31 August 2015

12.15 The Council is **requested** to consider and forward to the Conference at its Twentieth 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 2015 (EC-80/DG.18 C-20/DG.14, dated 15 September 2015).

Subitem 12(i): Status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans to regularise the payment of their outstanding annual contributions

12.16 Further to a decision by 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 Twentieth Session a Note by the Director-General on the status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans (EC-80/DG.6 C-20/DG.7, dated 28 August 2015).

Subitem 12(j): Recommendation for write-offs of irrecoverable accounts receivable and of losses of assets

12.17 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 Twentieth Session approve these write-offs, totalling EUR 4,633.69 (EC-80/DG.3 C-20/DG.5, dated 4 August 2015).

Subitem 12(k): Implementation of the amendment to the Staff Regulations regarding downward classification of posts during the period from 14 August 2014 to 13 August 2015

12.18 The Council is **requested** to note the report by the Director General on the implementation in 2015 of the amendment to the Staff Regulations regarding downward classification of posts (EC-80/DG.13, dated 10 September 2015).

13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – The OPCW Programme for Africa

The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Director-General on the Programme to Strengthen Cooperation with Africa on the Chemical Weapons Convention (EC-80/DG.5 C-20/DG.6, dated 25 August 2015).

14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – 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 12 July 2014 to 9 July 2015 (EC-80/CRP.2*, dated 31 July 2015), and to submit it to the Conference for consideration at its Twentieth Session.

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

The Chairperson will report to the Council on the status of the work of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

16. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Agreement on the privileges and immunities of the OPCW

The Council is **requested** to consider and conclude an agreement between the OPCW and the Kingdom of Bahrain on the privileges and immunities of the OPCW (EC-80/DEC/CRP.1, dated 1 September 2015).

17. AGENDA ITEM SEVENTEEN – 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-79/DG.7/Rev.2, dated 25 August 2015).

18. AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN – Any other business

In the context of identifying possibilities for combining the Fourth Review Conference³ with the regular session of the Conference at the end of 2018, the Council is **requested** to mandate the Secretariat to explore possible dates with the World Forum.

19. AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN – Adoption of the report

20. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY – Closure

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³ Fourth Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.