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### ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE EIGHTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 11 – 14 OCTOBER 2016

This annotated agenda<sup>1</sup> 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 Eighty-Third 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 Eighty-Third Session of the Council will be opened in The Hague by the Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Odette Melono of Cameroon, at 10:00 on 11 October 2016.

#### 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-83/1 (dated 15 September 2016):

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) Other verification-related issues
  - (d) Supplement to the Verification Implementation Report for 2015
  - (e) Destruction-related plans and facility agreements
  - (f) Technical Secretariat's activities: update on the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria
  - (g) Status of implementation of Article VII
  - (h) Status of implementation of Article X
  - (i) Status of implementation of Article XI
  - (j) Progress made in the implementation of the action plan for the universality of the Convention
7. Countering chemical terrorism
8. Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference<sup>2</sup>
9. Education and outreach
10. Administrative and financial matters:
- (a) Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
  - (b) Cash deficit for 2014
  - (c) Transfers of funds during 2015
  - (d) Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system
  - (e) Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2017, and all items pertaining to this Budget
  - (f) Financial Statements of the OPCW and the External Auditor's report for the year ending 31 December 2015
  - (g) Status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor
  - (h) Cash situation and the use of the Working Capital Fund for the financial year to 31 August 2016

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

- (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 2015 to 13 August 2016
  - (l) Special Fund for OPCW Special Missions
- 11. The OPCW Programme for Africa
  - 12. Draft report of the Executive Council on the performance of its activities
  - 13. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country
  - 14. Memorandum of understanding between the OPCW and the World Customs Organization
  - 15. Any other business
  - 16. Adoption of the report
  - 17. 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 Dziunik Aghajanian of Armenia on chemical weapons issues, Ambassador Christoph Israng of Germany on chemical-industry and other Article VI issues, Ambassador Willys Delvalle of Panama on administrative and financial issues, and Ambassador Alireza Jahangiri of the Islamic Republic of Iran 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 with respect to the destruction of the remaining chemical weapons stockpiles (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 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-83/DG.12, dated 14 September 2016).

**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 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-83/P/NAT.4, dated 13 September 2016).
- 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 United States of America 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 (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 (EC-83/NAT.1, dated 19 September 2016).
- 6.9 Further to the decision at its Fifty-Third Meeting on the “Plan for the Destruction of Libya’s Remaining Category 2 Chemical Weapons Outside the Territory of Libya” (EC-M-53/DEC.1, dated 26 August 2016), the Council is **requested** to consider and note the report by the Director-General on the implementation of the plan, including any problems relating to its implementation (EC-83/DG.19, dated 26 September 2016).
- 6.10 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Secretariat entitled “Technical Secretariat’s Evaluation of the Amended Declaration Submitted by Libya with Regard to the Category 2 Chemical Weapons Stored at the Ruwagha Chemical Weapons Storage Facility” (EC-83/S/2, dated 12 August 2016).
- 6.11 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-83/DG.2, dated 22 July 2016; EC-83/DG.6, dated 22 August 2016; and EC-83/DG.18, dated 26 September 2016).
- 6.12 The Council is **requested** to note three national papers by the Syrian Arab Republic on the activities related to the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons and their production facilities as at the cut-off dates of 15 July, 15 August, and 15 September 2016 respectively, which have been made available to the members of the Council (EC-83/P/NAT.1, dated 14 July 2016; EC-83/P/NAT.2, dated 15 August 2016; and EC-83/P/NAT.3, dated 14 September 2016).
- 6.13 Further to its consideration of this issue at previous sessions, the Council is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the retention of samples of Syrian chemical weapons (EC-77/DEC/CRP.2/Rev.1, dated 23 March 2016).
- 6.14 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 (these documents will be assigned an official reference number when they are made available to delegations) 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 6(c): Other verification-related issues**

- 6.15 The Secretariat is expected to brief the Council on its other verification-related activities.
- 6.16 Further to its consideration of this issue at previous sessions, the Council is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision submitted by the United States of America entitled “Report by the Director-General on the Outcome of Consultations with the

Syrian Arab Republic Regarding its Chemical Weapons Declaration” (EC-82/DEC/CRP.5, dated 7 July 2016).

**Subitem 6(d): Supplement to the Verification Implementation Report for 2015**

6.17 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the supplement to the Verification Implementation Report for 2015 (EC-83/HP/DG.1, dated 24 August 2016).

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

6.18 The Secretariat has submitted to the Council a Note on amendments to the facility arrangement with Australia regarding on-site inspections at a Schedule 1 facility for protective purposes at the Defence Science and Technology Group, Melbourne, Australia (EC-83/S/4, dated 1 September 2016).

6.19 Proposed amendments to the aforementioned facility arrangement have been submitted separately to the Council, which is **requested** to consider and approve them (EC-83/DEC/CRP.1, dated 1 September 2016 and EC-83/R/DEC/CRP.1, dated 24 August 2016).

**Subitem 6(f): Technical Secretariat’s activities: update on the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria**

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

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

6.21 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 2016” (EC-83/DG.11 C-21/DG.11, dated 16 September 2016); a report by the Director-General on the “Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2016: Article VII – Initial Measures” (EC-83/DG.8 C-21/DG.9, dated 16 September 2016); and a report by the Director-General on the “Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2016: Additional Measures for States Parties that Possess Industrial Facilities Which Are Declarable Under the Convention” (EC-83/DG.9 C-21/DG.10, dated 16 September 2016). The Council is **also requested** to submit the documents to the Conference at its Twenty-First Session, along with its recommendations, as appropriate, for consideration.

**Subitem 6(h): Status of implementation of Article X**

6.22 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 2016 (EC-83/DG.4/Rev.1, dated 5 September 2016).

- 6.23 The facilitator for this issue, Mr Martin Brož of Czechia, is expected to report on the consultations carried out during the intersessional period.

**Subitem 6(i): Status of implementation of Article XI**

- 6.24 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-83/DG.17 C-21/DG.14, dated 21 September 2016).
- 6.25 The facilitator for this issue, Mr Shoaib Sarwar of Pakistan, is expected to report on the consultations carried out during the intersessional period.

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

- 6.26 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.
- 6.27 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 2015 to 15 August 2016, which is being submitted to both the Council and the Conference (EC-83/DG.5 C-21/DG.7, dated 18 August 2016).

**7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Countering chemical terrorism**

**Subitem 7(a): Report by the Chairperson of the Open-Ended Working Group on Terrorism**

- 7.1 The Chairperson of the Open-Ended Working Group on Terrorism (OEWG-T), Ambassador Joe Tony Aidoo of Ghana, is expected to brief the Council on the work of the OEWG-T during the intersessional period.
- 7.2 Further to its consideration of this issue at its previous session, the Council is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision entitled “Addressing the Threat Posed by the Use of Chemical Weapons by Non-State Actors” (EC-82/DEC/CRP.4/Rev.1, dated 14 July 2016).

**8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – 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-83/S/5, dated 21 September 2016).

**9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – Education and outreach**

The Chairperson of the Advisory Board on Education and Outreach (ABEO), Dr Jean-Pascal Zanders of Belgium, is expected to provide a briefing to the Council on the proceedings of the second session of the ABEO as well as on its future plans.

**10. AGENDA ITEM TEN – Administrative and financial matters**

**Subitem 10(a): Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters**

- 10.1 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the report of the Forty-First Session of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters (ABAF), which took place from 30 August to 1 September 2016 (ABAF-41/1, dated 1 September 2016), and a Note by the Director-General containing comments on the report of the ABAF at that session (EC-83/DG.16, dated 19 September 2016).

**Subitem 10(b): Cash deficit for 2014**

- 10.2 The Council is **requested** to note that the final cash deficit for 2014 amounted to EUR 680,232, as stated in the Report by the Director-General entitled “Financial Statements of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and Report of the External Auditor for the Year Ending 31 December 2015” (EC-83/DG.1 C-21/DG.5, dated 8 August 2016), and reported to the ABAF at its Fortieth Session (ABAF-40/1, dated 9 June 2016 and Corr.1, dated 24 June 2016).
- 10.3 The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision to suspend, on an exceptional basis, the application of Financial Regulation 6.3 in respect of the allocation among States Parties of cash surpluses in light of the cash deficit for the year 2014 and to review the treatment of future cash surpluses as and when such surpluses are determined (EC-83/DEC/CRP.2, dated 22 September 2016).

**Subitem 10(c): Transfers of funds during 2015**

- 10.4 Further to its consideration of this issue at its previous session, the Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General on a request for transfers of funds between chapters and transfers of funds during 2015 (EC-81/DG.8 C-21/DG.1, dated 16 February 2016).

**Subitem 10(d): Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system**

- 10.5 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-83/DG.10, dated 7 September 2016).

**Subitem 10(e): Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2017, and all items pertaining to this Budget**

- 10.6 In accordance with subparagraph 32(a) of Article VIII of the Convention, the Council is **requested** to consider the Draft Programme and Budget for 2017 (EC-83/CRP.1, dated 8 July 2016) and to transmit it, together with its recommendation (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations) and any amendments it deems appropriate, to the Conference at its Twenty-First Session.
- 10.7 The co-facilitators for this issue, Mr Gerhard Eisl of Austria and Mr Bahram Jamali of the Islamic Republic of Iran, are expected to report on the consultations held during the intersessional period.
- 10.8 The Medium-Term Plan of the OPCW for the period 2017 to 2021 (EC-83/S/1 C-21/S/1, dated 8 April 2016) has been circulated to the members of the Council.
- 10.9 A Note by the Secretariat on the programme performance for the year 2015 (S/1377/2016, dated 22 April 2016) has been circulated to the members of the Council.

**Subitem 10(f): Financial Statements of the OPCW and the External Auditor's report for the year ending 31 December 2015**

- 10.10 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 2015 (EC-83/DG.1 C-21/DG.5) and to forward them to the Conference for consideration at its Twenty-First Session. The report of the External Auditor is expected to be presented by Mr Damian Brewitt, Director, National Audit Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
- 10.11 The facilitator for this issue, Mr Hiroshi Sanomura of Japan, is expected to report on the consultations held during the intersessional period.

**Subitem 10(g): Status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor**

- 10.12 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-83/S/3, dated 29 August 2016).

**Subitem 10(h): Cash situation and the use of the Working Capital Fund for the financial year to 31 August 2016**

- 10.13 The Council is **requested** to consider and forward to the Conference at its Twenty-First 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 2016 (EC-83/DG.13 C-21/DG.12, dated 14 September 2016).

**Subitem 10(i): Status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans to regularise the payment of their outstanding annual contributions**

10.14 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 Twenty-First Session a Note by the Director-General reporting on the status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans (EC-83/DG.7 C-21/DG.8, dated 1 September 2016).

**Subitem 10(j): Recommendation for write-offs of irrecoverable accounts receivable and of losses of assets**

10.15 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 Twenty-First Session approve these write-offs, totalling EUR 1,694.46 (EC-83/DG.3 C-21/DG.6, dated 2 August 2016).

**Subitem 10(k): Implementation of the amendment to the Staff Regulations regarding downward classification of posts during the period from 14 August 2015 to 13 August 2016**

10.16 The Council is **requested** to note the report by the Director General on the implementation of the amendment to the Staff Regulations regarding downward classification of posts during the period from 14 August 2015 to 13 August 2016 (EC-83/DG.14, dated 14 September 2016).

**Subitem 10(l): Special Fund for OPCW Special Missions**

10.17 Further to a decision by the Conference at its Twentieth Session (C-20/DEC.11, dated 3 December 2015), the Council is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision to extend the Special Fund for OPCW Special Missions for a period of one further year (EC-83/DEC/CRP.3, dated 22 September 2016).

**11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – 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-83/DG.15 C-21/DG.13, dated 15 September 2016).

**12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – 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 10 July 2015 to 27 July 2016 (EC-83/CRP.2, dated 18 August 2016), and to submit it to the Conference for consideration at its Twenty-First Session.

**13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – Report of 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.

**14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Memorandum of understanding between the OPCW and the World Customs Organization**

Further to its consideration of this issue at its previous session, the Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General on a memorandum of understanding on cooperation between the OPCW and the World Customs Organization (EC-82/DG.15, dated 14 June 2016) and to consider and adopt a draft decision on the matter (EC-82/DEC/CRP.2, dated 14 June 2016).

**15. AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – Any other business**

**Report by the Open-Ended Working Group on the Future Priorities of the OPCW**

Pursuant to the decision of the Council at its previous session on the establishment of an Open-Ended Working Group on the Future Priorities of the OPCW (OEWG-FP) (EC-82/DEC.2, dated 14 July 2016), the Co-Chairpersons of the OEWG-FP are expected to report on the progress achieved.

**16. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Adoption of the report**

**17. AGENDA ITEM SEVENTEEN – Closure**

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