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Executive Council

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NOTE BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

**NOMINATION BY SPAIN OF A CANDIDATE FOR THE APPOINTMENT TO THE
POSITION OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

1. At its Eighty-Fourth Session, the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) adopted a decision on the process for the appointment of the Director-General (EC-84/DEC.7, dated 9 March 2017) requesting the Chairperson of the Council to invite, on the Council’s behalf, States Parties to present their nominations of candidates for the position of Director-General of the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) by no later than 23 June 2017, to enable their consideration at the Eighty-Fifth Session of the Council.
2. The Permanent Representation of Spain to the OPCW has submitted to the Chairperson of the Council a note verbale informing her of the nomination by the Government of Spain of H.E. Ambassador Fernando Arias, Permanent Representative of Spain to the OPCW, as candidate for the position of Director-General.
3. Pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, the above-mentioned note verbale is herewith circulated to the members of the Council and all other States Parties.

Annex (English only): Note Verbale of the Permanent Representation of Spain to the
OPCW





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NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Representation of Spain presents its compliments to the Chairperson of the Executive Council, H.E. Odette Melono and, with reference to the letter L/PMO/208935/17 dated 14th of March, has the honour to inform of the nomination by the Government of Spain of Ambassador Permanent Representative of Spain to the OPCW, Mr. Fernando Arias, as candidate for the position of Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

The curriculum vitae of Ambassador Arias has been enclosed herewith.

The Permanent Representation of Spain avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Chairperson of the Executive Council the assurances of its highest consideration.



The Hague, March 30th 2017

H.E. Ambassador Mrs. Odette Melono
Chairperson of the Executive Council
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Embajada de España
La Haya

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: Fernando
Family name: ARIAS GONZÁLEZ
Place of birth: Madrid, Spain
Born in 1952
Nationality: Spanish
Married, with three children

Education and Qualifications

- Degree in Law by “Universidad Complutense de Madrid”
- Certificate in International Studies from the Diplomatic School, Madrid
- Career diplomat since 1979.

Languages:

English, French and Spanish

Employment history

- Ambassador of Spain to the Kingdom of The Netherlands (2014- until the current date).
- Ambassador Permanent Representative of Spain to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, OPCW (The Hague, 2014 – until the current date). Vice-President of the Executive Council (2017-2018).
- Ambassador Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations in New York, (2012 –2013).
 - Vice-President of the 68th Session of the General Assembly during the General Debate (Chiefs of State, Chiefs of Government, Ministers...), from 24th September until 4th October 2013.
 - Vice-President of the ECOSOC (2012)
- Minister Counsellor (Deputy Chief of Mission) at the Embassy of Spain in the P.R. of China (Beijing, 2009-2012).
- Ambassador of Spain to Bulgaria (Sofia, 2004-2009)
- Ambassador of Spain to the FYR of Macedonia, Residence in Sofia (2004-2006)
- Director General of the Protocol Department of the Presidency of the Government (Chief of State Protocol and Chief of Protocol of the Presidency of the Government) (2000-2004).
- Ambassador of Spain to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania (Nouakchott, 1998-2000)

- Ambassador of Spain to the Republic of Mali, Residence in Nouakchott (Bamako, 1998-2000).
- Minister Counsellor (Deputy Chief of Mission) at the Embassy of Spain in the Republic of Argentina (Buenos Aires, 1994-1998).
- Minister Counsellor (Deputy Chief of Mission) at the Embassy of Spain in the United Mexican States, (Mexico DF, 1990-1994)
- Oficial Mayor (Administrative Affairs, rank Deputy Director General) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Madrid, 1987-1990).
- Counsellor at the Embassy of Spain in the Republic of Romania (Bucarest, 1983-1987).
- First Secretary and Cultural Counsellor at the Embassy of Spain in the Netherlands (The Hague, 1979-1983).

RECEIVED DECORATIONS

Spanish Decorations:

- Official, Order of Civil Merit
- Official, Order of Queen Isabel la Católica
- Commander, Order of Civil Merit
- Commander, Order of Queen Isabel la Católica
- Commander (Highest Grade), Order of King Carlos III
- Cross of the Spanish Police with White Distinctive

Foreign Decorations:

- Official, Order Orange Nassau (The Netherlands)
- Commander, Order Orange Nassau (The Netherlands)
- Commander, Civil Order of Merit (Islamic Republic of Mauritania)
- Grand Cross, Order of Merit (Argentina)
- Grand Cross, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
- Grand Cross, Order of Bernardo O'Higgins (Republic of Chile)
- Grand Cross, Order of Honorato Vasquez (Republic of Ecuador)
- Grand Cross, Phoenix Order (Greek Republic)
- Grand Officer, National Orders of Merit (Federal Republic of Germany)
- Grand Cross, Stara Planina (Republic of Bulgaria)

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