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NOTE BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

WITHDRAWAL BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA OF A CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL

- 1. A Note by the Chairperson of the Executive Council (hereinafter "the Council") (EC-85/2, dated 2 May 2017) was circulated to the members of the Council and all other States Parties, informing them of the nomination by the Government of the Republic of Korea of Mr Kim Won-soo, United Nations Under Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, as candidate for the position of Director-General of the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).
- 2. Further to this communication, the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Korea to the OPCW officially informed the Chairperson, by a note verbale dated 26 September 2017, that the Government of the Republic of Korea had withdrawn the candidature of Mr Kim Won-soo for the position of Director-General.
- 3. At the request of the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Korea to the OPCW, and 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 the Republic of Korea to the OPCW



EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND PERMANENT MISSION TO THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THE HAGUE

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The Permanent Representation of the Republic of Korea to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) presents its compliments to the Chairperson of the Executive Council, H.E. Ambassador Sheikh Mohammed Belal, with reference to its Note Verbale MNT-10805 dated 28 April 2017, has the honour to inform the Chairperson that the Government of the Republic of Korea has decided to withdraw its nomination of Mr. Kim Wonsoo, Special Envoy of the Minister of Foreign Affairs for Disarmament and International Cooperation, as candidate for the position of Director-General of the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW.

In this regard, it would be highly appreciated if the Chairperson would inform States Parties of this decision.

The Permanent Representation of the Republic of Korea to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Chairperson of the Executive Council the assurances of its highest consideration.

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