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**NOTE BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

**WITHDRAWAL BY LITHUANIA 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-85/7, dated 31 May 2017) was circulated to the members of the Council and all other States Parties, informing them of the nomination by the Government of Lithuania of H.E. Ambassador Vaidotas Verba, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, 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 Lithuania to the OPCW officially informed the Chairperson, by a note verbale dated 5 October 2017, that H.E. Ambassador Vaidotas Verba had withdrawn his candidature from the selection process to the position of Director-General.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 Lithuania to the OPCW





**PERMANENT REPRESENTATION  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA TO  
THE ORGANISATION FOR THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS**

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NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Representation of the Republic of Lithuania to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons presents its compliments to the Chairperson of the Executive Council, H.E. Ambassador Sheikh Mohammed Belal and with reference to the Note Verbale dated 31 May 2017, would like to inform that Ambassador Vaidotas Verba, withdraws his candidature from the selection process to the position of Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

The Permanent Representation of the Republic of Lithuania to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Chairperson of the Executive Council the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 5 October 2017



H.E. Ambassador Sheikh Mohammed Belal,  
The Chairperson of the Executive Council  
Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons  
The Hague