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### ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE EIGHTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 10 – 13 OCTOBER 2017

This revised 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-Sixth 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-Sixth Session of the Council will be opened in The Hague by the Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Sheikh Mohammed Belal of Bangladesh, at 10:00 on 10 October 2017.

#### 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-86/2 (dated 15 September 2017):

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) Elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme
  - (d) Other verification-related issues
  - (e) Supplement to the Verification Implementation Report for 2016
  - (f) Destruction-related plans and facility agreements
  - (g) Technical Secretariat's activities: update on the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria
  - (h) Status of implementation of Article VII
  - (i) Status of implementation of Article X
  - (j) Status of implementation of Article XI
  - (k) Status of implementation of the International Support Network for Victims of Chemical Weapons
  - (l) Progress made in the implementation of the action plan for the universality of the Convention
7. OPCW Central Analytical Database
8. Countering chemical terrorism
9. Education and outreach
10. 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) Financial Statements of the OPCW and the External Auditor's report for the year ending 31 December 2016
  - (d) Status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor
  - (e) Cash deficit for 2014 and cash surplus for 2015
  - (f) Establishment of a special fund for the review conference
  - (g) Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2018, and all items pertaining to this Budget
  - (h) Cash situation and the use of the Working Capital Fund for the financial year to 31 August 2017
  - (i) Special Fund for OPCW Special Missions

- (j) Recommendation for write-offs of irrecoverable accounts receivable and of losses of assets
  - (k) Status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans to regularise the payment of their outstanding annual contributions
  - (l) Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system
  - (m) Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW
  - (n) Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Interim Staff Rules of the OPCW
  - (o) Implementation of the amendment to the Staff Regulations regarding downward classification of posts during the period from 14 August 2016 to 13 August 2017
  - (p) Rehiring of inspectors
11. Nomination of the External Auditor
  12. The OPCW Programme for Africa
  13. Draft report of the Executive Council on the performance of its activities
  14. Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference<sup>2</sup>
  15. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country
  16. Report by the Open-Ended Working Group on the Future Priorities of the OPCW
  17. Appointment of the Director-General
  18. Any other business
  19. Adoption of the report
  20. 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).

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

**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 Roman Bužek of Slovakia on chemical weapons issues, Ambassador Fernando Arias González of Spain on chemical-industry and other Article VI issues, Ambassador María Teresa Infante of Chile on administrative and financial issues, and Ambassador Rahma Salih Elobied of the Sudan 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 (EC-86/DG.28, dated 3 October 2017).

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-86/DG.17, dated 7 September 2017).

**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 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-86/NAT.1, dated 18 September 2017).

- 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 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-86/P/NAT.5, dated 12 September 2017).
- 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-86/NAT.3, dated 19 September 2017).
- 6.9 Further to its 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 monthly reports by the Director-General on the implementation of the plan, including any problems relating to its implementation (EC-86/DG.1, dated 24 July 2017; EC-86/DG.6, dated 23 August 2017; and EC-86/DG.22, dated 25 September 2017).
- 6.10 Further to its decision at its Eighty-Fourth Session (EC-84/DEC.2, dated 8 March 2017), the Council is **requested** to consider and note a national paper by Iraq entitled “Report to the Eighty-Sixth Session of the Executive Council on Progress Achieved Towards Destruction of the Chemical Weapons Remnants Stored at the Al Muthana Site” (EC-86/P/NAT.3, dated 15 September 2017).
- 6.11 Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6) and the destruction plan beyond the year 2016 for the chemical weapons abandoned by Japan in China (EC-84/NAT.6, dated 2 March 2017) attached as Annex 2 to the Council’s decision EC-67/DEC.6, and adopted by the Council at its Eighty-Fourth Session (paragraph 6.14 of EC-84/2, dated 9 March 2017), a national paper by China (EC-86/NAT.2, dated 20 September 2017) and a national paper by Japan (EC-86/NAT.4, dated 28 September 2017) 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): Elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme**

- 6.12 Further to its decision at its Eighty-Third Session (EC-83/DEC.5, dated 11 November 2016), the Council decided to place “Elimination of the Syrian Chemical Weapons Programme” on the agenda of all future Council sessions until the Council determines that all elements of the Syrian chemical weapons programme have been eliminated.

- 6.13 The Council is **requested** to note Notes by the Director-General reporting on progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme (EC-86/DG.2, dated 24 July 2017; EC-86/DG.7, dated 23 August 2017; and EC-86/DG.23, dated 25 September 2017).
- 6.14 The Council is **requested** to note the national papers by the Syrian Arab Republic on the activities related to the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons and their production facilities (EC-86/P/NAT.1, dated 19 July 2017; EC-86/P/NAT.2, dated 16 August 2017; and EC-86/P/NAT.4, dated 15 September 2017).
- 6.15 Pursuant to subparagraph 12(a) of its decision entitled “OPCW-United Nations Joint Investigative Mechanism Reports on Chemical Weapons Use in the Syrian Arab Republic” (EC-83/DEC.5), the Council decided that the Director-General shall regularly inform the Council on the implementation of this decision. The Council is **requested** to note a report by the Director-General on the matter (EC-86/DG.21, dated 21 September 2017).
- 6.16 In subparagraph 12(b) of the above decision, the Council further decided that the Director-General shall report to the Council at all future sessions, pursuant to paragraph 40, Article VIII of the Convention, any unresolved doubts, ambiguities or uncertainties regarding the compliance of the Syrian Arab Republic with the Convention. The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General entitled “Outcome of Further Consultations with the Syrian Arab Republic Regarding its Chemical Weapons Declaration” (EC-86/DG.30, dated 4 October 2017).
- 6.17 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General entitled “Report on the Work of the Declaration Assessment” (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

**Subitem 6(d): Other verification-related issues**

- 6.18 The Secretariat is expected to brief the Council on its other verification-related activities.

**Subitem 6(e): Supplement to the Verification Implementation Report for 2016**

- 6.19 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the supplement to the Verification Implementation Report for 2016 (EC-86/HP/DG.1, dated 8 September 2017).

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

- 6.20 The Secretariat has submitted to the Council a Note on amendments and modifications to the facility agreement with Spain regarding on-site inspections at a Schedule 1 facility for protective purposes (EC-86/S/3, dated 6 September 2017).
- 6.21 Proposed amendments to the aforementioned facility agreement have been submitted separately to the Council, which is **requested** to consider and approve them (EC-86/DEC/CRP.1 and EC-86/R/DEC/CRP.1, both dated 6 September 2017).

- 6.22 The Secretariat has also submitted a Note on modifications to the arrangement with Panama governing inspections on San José Island, Panama (EC-86/S/4, dated 8 September 2017).

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

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

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

- 6.24 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 2017" (EC-86/DG.10 C-22/DG.10, dated 24 August 2017); a report by the Director-General on the "Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2017: Article VII – Initial Measures" (EC-86/DG.8 C-22/DG.8, dated 24 August 2017); and a report by the Director-General on the "Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2017: Additional Measures for States Parties that Possess Industrial Facilities Which Are Declarable Under the Convention" (EC-86/DG.9 C-22/DG.9, dated 24 August 2017). The Council is also **requested** to submit the documents to the Conference at its Twenty-Second Session, along with its recommendations, as appropriate, for consideration.

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

- 6.25 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 2017 (EC-86/DG.13, dated 30 August 2017).
- 6.26 The facilitator for this issue, Mr Martin Pizinger of the Czech Republic, is expected to report on the consultations carried out during the intersessional period.

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

- 6.27 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-86/DG.19 C-22/DG.15, dated 14 September 2017).

**Subitem 6(k): Status of implementation of the International Support Network for Victims of Chemical Weapons**

- 6.28 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).

- 6.29 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-86/DG.15 C-22/DG.13, dated 6 September 2017).

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

- 6.30 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.

- 6.31 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 2016 to 15 August 2017, which is being submitted to both the Council and the Conference (EC-86/DG.12 C-22/DG.12, dated 30 August 2017).

**7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – OPCW Central Analytical Database**

Further to its consideration of this issue at its previous sessions, the Council is **requested** to consider a Note by the Director-General on the lists of new validated data of non-scheduled chemicals for approval by the Council for inclusion in the OPCW Central Analytical Database (EC-84/DG.13/Rev.1, dated 19 May 2017) and to adopt a draft decision on the matter (EC-84/DEC/CRP.3/Rev.1, dated 19 May 2017).

**8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – Countering chemical terrorism**

- 8.1 The Chairperson of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on Terrorism, Ambassador Momar Diop of Senegal, is expected to brief the Council on the work of the OEWG during the intersessional period.

- 8.2 Further to its consideration of this issue at its previous sessions, 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.2, dated 28 June 2017).

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

The Secretariat circulated a Note by the Director-General on the activities of the Advisory Board on Education and Outreach in 2017 (EC-86/DG.29 C-22/DG.17, dated 4 October 2017).



**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-Third Session of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters (ABAF), which took place from 29 to 31 August 2017 (ABAF-43/1, dated 1 September 2017), and a Note by the Director-General containing comments on the report of the ABAF at that session (EC-86/DG.24\*, dated 27 September 2017).

**Subitem 10(b): Nominations for membership of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters**

- 10.2 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the ABAF (EC-86/S/1, dated 19 July 2017) and to appoint Mr Khodayar Rouzbahani of the Islamic Republic of Iran for a second term with the ABAF, retroactive to the date of the letter of nomination for Mr Rouzbahani (29 June 2017).
- 10.3 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the ABAF (EC-86/S/5, dated 27 September 2017) and to appoint Mr Arata Mizukami of Japan, to replace Mr Hiroshi Sanomura, retroactive to the date of the letter of nomination for Mr Mizukami (22 September 2017).

**Subitem 10(c): Financial Statements of the OPCW and the External Auditor's report for the year ending 31 December 2016**

- 10.4 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 2016 (EC-86/DG.3 C-22/DG.5, dated 24 July 2017) and to forward them to the Conference for consideration at its Twenty-Second Session. The report of the External Auditor is expected to be presented by Mr Damian Brewitt, National Audit Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
- 10.5 The facilitator for this issue, Mr Hiroshi Sanomura of Japan, is expected to report on the consultations held during the intersessional period.

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

- 10.6 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-86/S/2, dated 21 August 2017).

**Subitem 10(e): Cash deficit for 2014 and cash surplus for 2015**

- 10.7 At previous Council sessions, the Secretariat circulated a draft decision recommending that the Conference 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/Rev.1, dated 23 February 2017).

- 10.8 Subsequently, with a cash surplus for 2015 having been determined, the Secretariat has circulated a draft decision to apply the cash deficit for 2014 to the cash surplus for 2015 and to apportion the remaining surplus to the Special Fund for the Fourth Review Conference<sup>3</sup> in 2018 (see subitem 10(f)) and to the Working Capital Fund. The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt this draft decision (EC-86/DEC/CRP.8, dated 2 October 2017), and to transmit it to the Conference for approval at its Twenty-Second Session.

**Subitem 10(f): Establishment of a special fund for the review conference**

- 10.9 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Director-General entitled “Request for Establishment of a Special Fund for the Fourth Review Conference in 2018” (EC-86/DG.25, dated 28 September 2017).
- 10.10 The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the establishment of a special fund for the Fourth Review Conference in 2018 (EC-86/DEC/CRP.5, dated 28 September 2017), and to transmit it to the Conference for approval at its Twenty-Second Session.

**Subitem 10(g): Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2018, and all items pertaining to this Budget**

- 10.11 In accordance with subparagraph 32(a) of Article VIII of the Convention, the Council is **requested** to consider the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018 (EC-86/CRP.1, dated 7 July 2017) and to transmit it, together with its recommendation (EC-86/DEC/CRP.4, dated 28 September 2017) and any amendments it deems appropriate, to the Conference at its Twenty-Second Session.
- 10.12 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.
- 10.13 A Note by the Secretariat on the programme performance for the year 2016 (S/1485/2017, dated 11 April 2017) has been circulated to the members of the Council.

**Subitem 10(h): Cash situation and the use of the Working Capital Fund for the financial year to 31 August 2017**

- 10.14 The Council is **requested** to consider and forward to the Conference at its Twenty-Second 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 2017 (EC-86/DG.20 C-22/DG.16, dated 21 September 2017).

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

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

- 10.15 The Council is **requested** to note the Note by the Director-General on the financial status of the Special Fund for OPCW Special Missions (EC-86/DG.27, dated 2 October 2017).
- 10.16 Further to a decision by the Conference at its Twentieth Session (C-20/DEC.11, dated 3 December 2015) on the establishment of a Special Fund for OPCW Special Missions, the Council is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the extension of the Special Fund for OPCW Special Missions for a period of one further year (EC-86/DEC/CRP.7, dated 2 October 2017), and to transmit it to the Conference for approval at its Twenty-Second Session.

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

- 10.17 The Council is **requested** to consider a Note by the Director-General on the recommendation for write-offs of irrecoverable accounts receivable and losses of assets, and to recommend that the Conference at its Twenty-Second Session approve these write-offs, totalling EUR 14,828.28 (EC-86/DG.4 C-22/DG.7, dated 24 July 2017).

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

- 10.18 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-Second Session a Note by the Director-General reporting on the status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans (EC-86/DG.11 C-22/DG.11, dated 30 August 2017).
- 10.19 At its Eleventh Session, the Conference adopted a decision on a mechanism to encourage States Parties that are in arrears to regularise the payment of their outstanding annual contributions (C-11/DEC.5, dated 7 December 2006). In light of this decision, the Council is **requested** to consider a proposal from Libya for a multi-year payment plan to regularise the payment of its outstanding annual contributions (EC-86/DG.26, dated 28 September 2017), to approve it (EC-86/DEC/CRP.6, dated 28 September 2017), and to transmit it to the Conference for approval at its Twenty-Second Session.

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

- 10.20 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-86/DG.16, dated 6 September 2017).

**Subitem 10(m): Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW**

- 10.21 The Secretariat circulated a Note on proposed amendments to the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules (S/1553/2017, dated 14 September 2017).
- 10.22 The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision entitled “Amendments to the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules” (EC-86/DEC/CRP.2, dated 19 September 2017), and to transmit it to the Conference for approval at its Twenty-Second Session.

**Subitem 10(n): Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Interim Staff Rules of the OPCW**

- 10.23 The Secretariat circulated a Note on proposed amendments to the OPCW Staff Regulations and Interim Staff Rules (S/1535/2017, dated 15 September 2017).
- 10.24 The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision entitled “Amendments to the OPCW Staff Regulations and Interim Staff Rules” (EC-86/DEC/CRP.3, dated 20 September 2017), and to transmit it to the Conference for approval at its Twenty-Second Session.

**Subitem 10(o): Implementation of the amendment to the Staff Regulations regarding downward classification of posts during the period from 14 August 2016 to 13 August 2017**

- 10.25 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 2016 to 13 August 2017 (EC-86/DG.14, dated 5 September 2017).

**Subitem 10(p): Rehiring of inspectors**

- 10.26 At its Nineteenth Session, the Conference adopted a decision on the rehiring of inspectors (C-19/DEC.11, dated 4 December 2014) and decided to review the implementation of this decision at its Twenty-Second Session, in 2017, taking into consideration the recommendations of the ABAF to the Council on the matter.
- 10.27 The Council is **requested** to consider and note an addendum to a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2016 (EC-85/DG.6/Add.1\*, dated 25 September 2017).
- 10.28 The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the rehiring of inspectors (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 Twenty-Second Session.

**11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Nomination of the External Auditor**

- 11.1 According to Article 13.1 of the OPCW Financial Regulations, the Conference shall appoint the External Auditor, who shall be the Auditor-General (or an officer holding

an equivalent title) of a State Party, and such appointment shall be in the manner and for the period determined by the Conference and for a single period of not less than two years, but not exceeding six years. The Conference will appoint the next External Auditor at its Twenty-Second Session, in November/December 2017.

- 11.2 The Director-General has issued a Note requesting nominations for the post of External Auditor of the OPCW (S/1507/2017, dated 22 June 2017). The Council is **requested** to consider the Note by the Director-General containing a summary of nominations for this post (EC-86/DG.5, dated 23 August 2017). The Council is **requested** to make a recommendation on the re-appointment of the External Auditor of the OPCW, and to forward it to the Conference at its Twenty-Second Session.

**12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – 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-86/DG.18 C-22/DG.14, dated 12 September 2017).

**13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – 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 28 July 2016 to 14 July 2017 (EC-86/CRP.2, dated 4 September 2017), and to submit it to the Conference for consideration at its Twenty-Second Session.

**14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – 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-86/S/6, dated 28 September 2017).

**15. AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – 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.

**16. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Report by the Open-Ended Working Group on the Future Priorities of the OPCW**

Pursuant to the decision of the Council on the establishment of an OEWG on the Future Priorities of the OPCW (OEWG-FP) (EC-82/DEC.2, dated 14 July 2016), the Co-Chairpersons of the OEWG-FP, Ambassador Sabine Nölke of Canada and Ambassador Vusi Bruce Koloane of South Africa, will report to the Council on the progress achieved.

**17. AGENDA ITEM SEVENTEEN – Appointment of the Director-General**

17.1 At its Eighty-Fourth Session, the Council adopted a decision on the process for the appointment of the Director-General (EC-84/DEC.7, dated 9 March 2017).

17.2 In the context of the above decision, the Council requested its Chairperson to invite, on the Council's behalf, States Parties to present their nominations of candidates by no later than 23 June 2017. The Council further requested its Chairperson to undertake, as soon as possible, consultations on issues related to the appointment of the Director-General and other actions that the Chairperson deemed appropriate.

17.3 The Chairperson of the Council issued a number of Notes pertaining to the nomination of candidates and the appointment process for the position of Director-General.

17.4 The Chairperson continued his consultations aimed at assisting the Council in adopting its recommendation to the next session of the Conference. Moreover, a number of meetings were held with regional coordinators to decide on specific practical elements of the straw poll process and to consider the way ahead.

**18. AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN – Any other business**

**19. AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN – Adoption of the report**

**20. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY – Closure**

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