REPORT OF THE FORTY-THIRD MEETING
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the meeting

The Chairperson of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”), Ambassador Álvaro Moerzinger of Uruguay, opened its Forty-Third Meeting in The Hague at 10:10 on 24 July 2014.

2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Adoption of the agenda

The Council considered and adopted the following agenda:

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme
4. Combined plans for the destruction and verification of chemical weapons production facilities in the Syrian Arab Republic
5. Amendment to Interim Staff Rule 4.1.05 on retirement
6. Any other business
7. Adoption of the report
8. Closure

3. AGENDA ITEM THREE – Progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme

3.1 The Director-General delivered a statement to the Council.

3.2 The Council noted a national paper by the Syrian Arab Republic (EC-M-43/P/NAT.1, dated 18 July 2014).

4. AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Combined plans for the destruction and verification of chemical weapons production facilities in the Syrian Arab Republic

The Council considered and adopted a decision on the combined plans for the destruction and verification of twelve declared chemical weapons production facilities
in the Syrian Arab Republic (EC-M-43/DEC.1, dated 24 July 2014). In this context, the Council noted the following documents: a Note by the Director-General on destruction and verification of twelve declared chemical weapons production facilities in the Syrian Arab Republic (EC-M-43/DG.1/Rev.1, dated 21 July 2014); a Note by the Director-General on the combined destruction and verification plans for twelve declared chemical weapons production facilities in the Syrian Arab Republic (EC-M-40/DG.2, dated 27 March 2014 and Add.1, dated 20 July 2014); and a national paper by the Syrian Arab Republic on the detailed destruction plan for twelve chemical weapons production facilities (seven aircraft hangars and five underground structures) in the Syrian Arab Republic (EC-M-40/P/NAT.2, dated 24 March 2014, and Add.1 and Add.2, both dated 20 July 2014).

5. **AGENDA ITEM FIVE – Amendment to Interim Staff Rule 4.1.05 on retirement**

The Council considered and adopted a decision on an amendment to Interim Staff Rule 4.1.05 (EC-76/DEC.6, dated 24 July 2014), on the understanding that there will be no financial implications for the OPCW Programme and Budget for 2015.

6. **AGENDA ITEM SIX – Any other business**

The Council decided to hold its next meeting on 28 August 2014.

7. **AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Adoption of the report**

The Council considered and adopted the report of its Forty-Third Meeting.

8. **AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – Closure**

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 11:31 on 24 July 2014.