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**Executive Council**

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**NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

**JOINT REQUEST BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, POLAND,  
THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND  
NORTHERN IRELAND, AND GERMANY  
TO CONVENE A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

1. The Chairperson of the Executive Council, His Excellency Ambassador Álvaro Moerzinger of Uruguay, has received a request by the delegation of the United States of America to the OPCW, supported by the delegations of Poland, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Germany, to convene a meeting of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) under Rule 12(b) of the Rules of Procedure of the Council.
2. The meeting of the Council will be held at 10:00 on Friday, 26 September 2014, in the Ieper Room of the OPCW Headquarters building (Johan de Wittlaan 32, The Hague).
3. A copy of the letter from the delegation of the United States of America to the Chairperson of the Council is annexed hereto.

Annex (English only): Letter from the delegation of the United States of America to the Chairperson of the Executive Council



**Annex**

**LETTER FROM THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**



**U.S. DELEGATION TO THE ORGANIZATION FOR  
THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS**

*The Hague, the Netherlands*

September 19, 2014

Ambassador Alvaro Moerzinger  
Chairman, Executive Council  
Organization for the Prohibition  
of Chemical Weapons  
Johan de Wittlaan 32  
2517 JR The Hague  
The Netherlands

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Recent discussions in The Hague and capitals make clear that many States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention are deeply concerned by the recent Second Report of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria: Key Findings (S/1212/2014, dated 10 September 2014), which confirms that chemical weapons have again been used in the Syrian Arab Republic, and believe that the Executive Council has a responsibility to address this matter without delay.

The Delegation of the United States of America therefore requests, pursuant to Rule 12(b) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council and with the support of the delegations of the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Federal Republic of Germany, that a special meeting of the Council be held not later than Friday, September 26, to discuss this report and take appropriate action.

This communication supersedes my previous communication.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Mikulak".

Robert Mikulak  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of the  
United States of America to  
the OPCW

cc: Director-General Ahmet Üzümcü,  
Mr. Konstantin Gavrilov, Director (PMO)