



Forty-Sixth Meeting
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REPORT OF THE FORTY-SIXTH 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-Sixth Meeting in The Hague at 10:20 on 19 November 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 plan for the destruction and verification of the “Al-Maliha” ricin production facility in the Syrian Arab Republic
5. Nomination of the External Auditor of the OPCW
6. Proposal for the rehiring of inspectors
7. Any other business
8. Adoption of the report
9. 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 Note by the Director-General, reporting on progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme (EC-M-46/DG.1, dated 23 October 2014).
- 3.3 The following delegations made statements under this agenda item: the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, France, Germany, Turkey (observer), the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea,



Brazil, Spain, Jordan (observer), Japan, Chile, Italy, Iran (the Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Argentina, Peru, the Syrian Arab Republic (observer), Mexico, South Africa, Senegal, and the Russian Federation.

- 3.4 The Council **noted** a national paper by the Syrian Arab Republic on progress relating to the destruction of chemical weapons and chemical weapons production facilities on its territory (EC-M-46/P/NAT.1, dated 14 October 2014).
- 3.5 The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) provided a follow-up briefing to the Council on the activities of the Declaration Assessment Team.

4. AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Combined plan for the destruction and verification of the “Al-Maliha” ricin production facility in the Syrian Arab Republic

The Council **considered** and **adopted** a decision on the combined plan for the destruction and verification of the “Al-Maliha” ricin production facility in the Syrian Arab Republic (EC-M-46/DEC.1, dated 19 November 2014), in the context of a Note by the Director-General on the same subject (EC-M-46/DG.2, dated 27 October 2014).

5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – Nomination of the External Auditor of the OPCW

- 5.1 At its Seventy-Seventh Session, the Council noted a Note by the Director-General containing the summary of nominations for the External Auditor of the OPCW (EC-77/DG.12, dated 8 September 2014), and the observations of the Vice-Chairperson for administrative and financial issues, Ambassador Masaru Tsuji of Japan. The Council agreed that the Chairperson would nominate a panel of ambassadors who would evaluate the three candidates for the position of External Auditor of the OPCW, availing itself of technical support if required, in order to enable the Council to make a recommendation to the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”) at its Nineteenth Session (paragraph 8.22 of EC-77/4, dated 10 October 2014).
- 5.2 The Chairperson reported to the Council on the work of the panel of ambassadors and on the panel’s decision. The Council **took note** of the report and recommended to the Conference at its Nineteenth Session that it appoint the Comptroller and Auditor General of the National Audit Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as External Auditor of the OPCW, for the period from 2015 to 2017.

6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – Proposal for the rehiring of inspectors

Further to its previous consideration of the background Note by the Secretariat on the rehiring of former inspectors (EC-76/S/5, dated 2 July 2014 and Add.1, dated 26 September 2014), the Council **considered** the draft decision EC-74/DEC/CRP.4/Rev.4, dated 19 November 2014, and **agreed** to consider this issue further, with a view to examining the possibility of its consideration by the Conference at its Nineteenth Session.

7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Any other business

- 7.1 The delegation of Iraq delivered a statement, updating the Council on the situation at the Al-Muthanna bunkers and the concerns about the use of chlorine in Iraq.
- 7.2 The delegation of Germany presented a proposal on the subject of “From the Hippocratic Oath to a New Ethical and Moral Guideline for Chemists”. The Council **welcomed** initiating a discussion on the subject matter for consideration.
- 7.3 The Chairperson informed the Council that he would convene a meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country in due course.

8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – Adoption of the report

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

9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – Closure

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 17:56 on 19 November 2014.

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