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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

**REQUEST BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
TO CONVENE A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

1. The Chairperson of the Executive Council, His Excellency Ambassador Sheikh Mohammed Belal of Bangladesh, has received a request by the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the OPCW, to convene a meeting of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) under Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council.
2. The meeting of the Council will be held at 10:00 on Wednesday, 4 April 2018, in the Ieper Room of the OPCW Headquarters building (Johan de Wittlaan 32, The Hague).
3. A copy of the letter from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the Chairperson of the Council is annexed hereto.

Annex (English only):

Letter from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the Chairperson of the Executive Council, dated 29 March 2018



Annex

**LETTER FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RUSSIAN
FEDERATION TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,
DATED 29 MARCH 2018**



**ПОСТОЯННЫЙ ПРЕДСТАВИТЕЛЬ
РОССИЙСКОЙ ФЕДЕРАЦИИ
ПРИ ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ПО ЗАПРЕЩЕНИЮ
ХИМИЧЕСКОГО ОРУЖИЯ В ГААГЕ**

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
TO THE ORGANISATION FOR THE PROHIBITION
OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS IN THE HAGUE

The Hague, “29” March 2018

Excellency,

With reference to the Paragraph 28 of the Article VIII of the Convention, I have the honour to inform you as the Chairperson the OPCW Executive Council that the Russian Federation has decided – acting in accordance with Rule 12 of the Council’s Rules of Procedure – to convene a Special Executive Council meeting with the following agenda item:

Addressing the situation around allegations of non-compliance with the Convention made by one State Party against the other State Party with regard to the incident in Salisbury, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on 4 March 2018.

Due to the confidential nature of the topic, we request that this agenda item or a part of it is discussed by the Council in a confidential sitting.

I request your kind assistance, in your capacity as the Chairperson of the Executive Council, in convening such a meeting on Wednesday, 4 April 2018.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Alexander SHULGIN

H.E. Mr. Sheikh Mohammed BELAL
Ambassador
Chairperson
of the OPCW Executive Council

CC: H.E. Mr. Ahmet ÜZÜMCÜ
Ambassador
Director-General
of the OPCW Technical Secretariat