

#### **Executive Council**

Fifty-Ninth Meeting 18 April 2018

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#### NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

## REQUEST BY THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO CONVENE A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- 1. The Chairperson of the Executive Council (hereinafter "the Council"), Ambassador Sheikh Mohammed Belal of Bangladesh, has received a request from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the OPCW to convene a meeting of 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, 18 April 2018, in the Ieper Room of the OPCW Headquarters building (Johan de Wittlaan 32, The Hague).
- 3. A copy of the letter and explanatory memorandum from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Chairperson of the Council is annexed hereto.

#### Annexes (English only):

Annex 1: Letter from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Chairperson of the Executive Council, dated 11 April 2018

Annex 2: Explanatory Memorandum

#### Annex 1

# LETTER FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, DATED 11 APRIL 2018

### From the Ambassador and Permanent Representative

His Excellency Mr Sheikh Mohammed Belal Ambassador Chairperson of the OPCW Executive Council Embassy of Bangladesh Badhuisweg 77 2587 CD – The Hague

Cc: His Excellency Mr Ahmet Üzümcü Director-General OPCW Johan de Wittlaan 32 2517 JR - The Hague

11 April 2018

Dear Ambassador,

In accordance with Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland requests a meeting of the Executive Council. The purpose of the meeting would be for the Director General of the OPCW to brief the States Parties on the "Report on the activities carried out in support of a request for technical assistance by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (TAV/02/18)" and for the States Parties to discuss the report.

In accordance with Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council, I attach an explanatory memorandum.

We request that the meeting take place on Wednesday 18 April.

I hereby request that this letter and the attached Explanatory Memorandum be distributed to the States Parties as official documents.

Peter Wilson

John Gil

#### Annex 2

#### **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has requested a meeting of the Executive Council in order for the Director General of the OPCW to brief States Parties on the Technical Secretariat's "Report on the activities carried out in support of a request for technical assistance by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (TAV/02/18)", which the United Kingdom has requested that the Technical Secretariat circulate in full, and for the States Parties to discuss the report.

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