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CONCEPT NOTE

Introduction

This note sets out the objectives and intended outcomes of the briefing on follow-up steps to further enhance stakeholder involvement with the OPCW after the Third CWC Review Conference. It also contains a draft programme for the event. Two annexes provide background for the briefing, in the form of a summary of meetings organised by CWC stakeholders during the Third Review Conference and relevant excerpts from the reports of the three Review Conferences held so far. These show how both the level of participation and the nature of the involvement of external stakeholders in the Review Conferences have evolved, improved and expanded over time.

Objectives of the meeting

1. The meeting will be an opportunity to review the way in which the Third Review Conference engaged with civil society and other stakeholders and how this has been reflected in its documents. The purpose of this review is to identify ways to enhance this engagement to render it still more regular and productive.

2. The meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss the main outcomes of the Third Review Conference in key areas as set out in the Review Conference report, and to highlight how the contributions of civil society and other stakeholders contributed to these outcomes.

3. This will lead into a consideration of how the engagement between the OPCW and other CWC stakeholders – international organisations, NGOs, industry, academia - can be developed further over the coming five years, leading towards the Fourth CWC Review Conference in 2018.

Intended outcomes

1. The meeting is intended to result in proposals, leading to subsequent practical actions, for establishing a platform to engage stakeholders with the OPCW in support of its work. This may include the identification of issue areas where stakeholder contributions would be of particular relevance, and proposals for how these contributions can be made in the most effective manner.

2. The meeting should provide encouragement for stronger cooperation, on the broadest possible geographical basis, between the OPCW and other CWC stakeholders during the five-year period up to the next Review Conference in 2018. Such cooperation should provide for effective engagement and interaction in future annual sessions of the Conference of the States Parties, but also in periods between sessions.

3. In addition to proposals for future engagement with civil society, the meeting should also lead to practical proposals for further enhancing cooperation and coordination with other relevant international organisations such as BWC-ISU, IAEA, Interpol, UNEP, UNHCR, UNICRI, UNITAR, UNODA, and WHO, inter alia, in areas relevant to the implementation of the Convention.
ABSTRACTS AND RESUMES OF SPEAKERS

Ambassador Olexandr Horin, Chairman of the Executive Council
H.E. Mr. Olexandr Horin has been Ambassador of Ukraine to The Netherlands and Permanent Representative to the OPCW since March 2011. Prior to that he was Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine (2008-2011), Ambassador at Large (2006-2008), and Ambassador to Singapore (2002-2006) and to Brunei Darussalam (2003-2006). He also served as First Secretary in the Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the United Nations in New York City (1993-1997), and as Minister-Counselor of the Embassy of Ukraine in Canada (1999-2002). He is a graduate of Kiev State University and holds a Ph.D. in History of International Relations from the same institution.

Ambassador Ahmet Üzümcü, OPCW Director-General
H.E. Mr Ahmet Üzümcü was appointed Director-General of the OPCW in December 2009 and began his term of office the following July. Ambassador Üzümcü is a career diplomat with vast experience in multilateral diplomacy. Immediately prior to his appointment as Director-General he served as the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Turkey to the United Nations Office at Geneva. During the past decade he has represented Turkey at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Council, the Conference on Disarmament, the United Nations and other international organisations in Geneva.

Ambassador Krzysztof Paturej, Chairman of the Third Review Conference
Krzysztof Paturej was the Chairman of the Third Review Conference at the OPCW in April 2013. He was appointed Director of the OPCW’s Office of Special Projects in January 2006. Prior to this appointment he headed the Division on Non-Proliferation within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland. Mr. Paturej is a career diplomat, experienced in issues relating to international security, disarmament and non-proliferation. He has represented Poland in numerous conferences and meetings of international organisations and intergovernmental bodies on disarmament and non-proliferation.

Paul Walker, Chairman of the CWC Coalition
Dr. Paul Walker is the International Director of the Environmental Security and Sustainability (ESS) Program for Green Cross International (GCI) and manages the Washington DC office for GCI and its US national affiliate, Global Green USA. The ESS Program is an international effort to facilitate and advocate the safe and environmentally sound demilitarization, non-proliferation, and remediation of nuclear, chemical, biological, and conventional weapons stockpiles and related systems and materials. Walker is also the co-founder and coordinator of the CWC Coalition, and has been involved in CW demilitarization since he organized the first official US on-site inspection of a Russian chemical weapons stockpile in 1994. He holds a Ph.D. in international security studies from MIT.

Abstract: Paul Walker will discuss the role of civil society in the CWC and OPCW, the growth of non-governmental experts’ participation in annual meetings and review conferences over the past 15 years, and the importance of public outreach and education to a successful multilateral abolition regime. Walker will also discuss the founding of the CWC Coalition in 2009 and its current plans for active, ongoing support of the CWC and OPCW.

Per Runn
Dr. Per Runn is an independent consultant in the field of chemical weapons disarmament and chemical security. At the OPCW he has held the positions of Head of the Inspectorate Management Branch and
of the Policy Review Branch. Prior to joining the OPCW he was a Research Officer at the Swedish Defence Research Agency (FOI) and served as an expert adviser on chemical disarmament to the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. As a consultant he has worked with the OPCW and the United Nations and is a member of the Advisory Board to the International Centre for Chemical Safety and Security in Tarnow, Poland (ICCSS).

Abstract: The Third Review Conference noted the effective implementation of the verification regime as an important element of the convention. It also noted the need for the implementation of the regime to take into account the development in science and technology, both in relation to the tools available, and changes within chemical industry. In general terms the Review Conference requested the Secretariat to work towards increased effectiveness and efficiency in the implementation of the verification regime and encouraged States Parties to seek solutions to the still outstanding issues within the Industry Cluster. It was also recognised that the submission of accurate and complete declarations by the States Parties is a corner stone in the implementation of the verification regime and called for support by the Secretariat and States Parties in this respect. The Review Conference did not, however, provide substantive guidance how the further effectiveness and efficiency should be achieved or indicate new approaches for the implementation of the verification regime that could promote this development. This presentation will discuss some areas where the involvement of civil society, including chemical industry and other international organisations, could support the Secretariat towards a more effective and efficient implementation of the verification regime of the CWC.

Ralf Trapp
Ralf Trapp is an independent consultant working in the field of chemical and biological weapons arms control. He has worked, inter alia, for the OPCW, the United Nations, the ICRC and the European Commission, and has collaborated with IUPAC, the Inter-Academy Panel on International Issues, SIPRI and the EU-ISS. Previously, he was with the OPCW (1993-2006), the German delegation to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva (1992-93), the Research Institute on Science and Politics Ebenhausen (1991-1993), the GDR Academy of Sciences (1978-90), and SIPRI (1985-87).

Abstract: Science and technology are making rapid progress and it is important for chemical weapons disarmament to monitor these developments and evaluate their impact on the operation of the Convention. The OPCW has developed partnerships with academia, research and industry, such as with IUPAC, research institutes and think tanks, and chemical industry associations. These partnerships make it possible for the OPCW to tap into a global and authoritative knowledge base with access to front-edge science and technology information. The discussions at the Third Review Conference again showed the usefulness of OPCW engaging with these stakeholders. Starting from this experience, the presentation will explore some ideas about how this relationship can be further enhanced.

Hassan Mashhadi
Hassan Mashhadi is a consultant on disarmament, arms control and international security for governments, as well as on crisis management and safety and security of the chemical industry. He is a member of the Advisory Group on Environmental Emergencies of the United Nations, and a member of the working group set up by NATO for Minimum Standards for Minimum Preparedness. He has authored numerous articles and books on the subject of weapons of mass destruction, security and emergency response preparedness, and emergency response delivery, as well as on Middle East security.

Abstract: The provisions of Articles X and XI have been construed as two of the four pillars of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) which still need to develop to accommodate the
changing paradigm of the security landscape of the world. Article X is fundamental in providing security assurances to member states, in contributing to universality of the Convention, strengthening national constituencies, and providing incentives for joining the Treaty and disincentives to remain outside. We need to pay special attention to the mandate of the OPCW with regard to Article X and the roles and functions of the Organization in a transition era towards the end of the chemical weapons destruction period, especially in light of the fact that the distance between incidental and intentional use of chemicals is fading. In this context we need to include all stakeholders including governments, private sector, knowledge brokers, media, and the public to assure the full implementation of Article X. There is a need to focus on consequence management and impact analysis to give impetus to implementation of Article X.

**Ambassador Serguei Batsanov**

Serguei Batsanov was one of the key negotiators of the CWC (Chair of the Ad-hoc Committee on CW in the penultimate year of negotiations) and Chair of the CWC final drafting group during the last year. He was also one of the founders of the Preparatory Commission and of the OPCW, having served there for more than 10 years as Director of External Relations and Director for Special Projects. Currently a member of the Pugwash Council and Director of the Geneva Office of Pugwash International dealing with a wide range of international issues, with specific emphasis on the Iranian Nuclear File, Middle East, Weapons of Mass Destruction (NBC) and new weapons technologies. He has also authored a number of articles on CWC and OPCW

**Abstract:** Serguei Batsanov will present some of the lessons from Pugwash activities on CBW and on other issues, such as the need for a strong and credible scientific following, selection and engagement of stakeholders outside the usual circle of actors, providing a platform for negotiators and decision-makers for informal discussion of unpleasant/difficult issues and to search for solutions, working with the younger generation (i.e. students) and supporting outreach and communications efforts of international agencies. These lessons must be adjusted to take into consideration important changes in the world and the growing maturity of the OPCW.

**Jean Pascal Zanders**

Dr. Jean Pascal Zanders runs The Trench, a civil society initiative dedicated to the field of disarmament. He has worked for over 25 years in chemical and biological weapons disarmament, including as Project Leader of the SIPRI Chemical and Biological Warfare Project (1996-2003), Director of the BioWeapons Prevention Project (2003-2008), and Senior Research Fellow at the EU Institute for Security Studies (2008-2013). His research covers armament, disarmament and non-proliferation of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear weapons, as well as space policy. He holds Masters degrees in Germanic Philology-Linguistics (1980) and Political Science (1992), and a PhD in Political Science (1996) from the Free University of Brussels.

**Abstract:** Three States in the Middle East are not yet party to the CWC, despite sustained efforts to have them join the OPCW. The reasons are as varied as they are fundamental to the security calculations of the regional protagonists. A regional disarmament regime will demand higher security guarantees than a global one. At the same time a process needs to be initiated that promotes familiarity and enhances confidence among different groups of stakeholders. This presentation will outline some possible multi-stakeholder pathways towards regional engagement in CW disarmament and possible OPCW contributions.

**Richard Guthrie**

Richard Guthrie is the CBW Events Co-ordinating Editor. He was previously Project Leader of the Chemical and Biological Warfare Project of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). Before Sweden, Richard was an independent consultant working with inter-governmental bodies, governments, NGOs and academic units. He was involved in a long-term collaboration with
the Harvard Sussex Program, where he was responsible for production of the CBW Conventions Bulletin and for managing certain data resources. He also edited or co-edited seven volumes of the VERTIC yearbook and the VERTIC newsletter Trust and Verify for six years. He also worked part-time in the UK House of Commons for sixteen years.

Michael Luhan
Michael Luhan is Head of the OPCW’s Media and Public Affairs branch and the Organisation’s official spokesman. Since 1992 he has worked as a specialist in advocacy and communication for a series of international organisations and NGOs, including the World Health Organisation, the International Red Cross and People in Need, an award-winning human rights and humanitarian aid NGO based in Prague. His professional formation was as a journalist, and in that capacity he covered conflicts in Central America and South Asia for a variety of news organisations, including the New York Times.

ANNEX 1

Events with civil society participation during the Third Review Conference

The following list includes events that were organised by civil society representatives or had significant participation by civil society, and which were listed in the daily programme for the Third CWC Review Conference from 8 to 19 April 2013. Additional events were organised in the weeks leading up to the Conference and on the margins of the Conference without being listed in the official programme.

Monday 8 April

**Side Event: NGO information resources on the 3rd Review Conference**
Organisers: SIPRI, Non-Proliferation Monthly, CBW Events (Ieper Room/OPCW)

Tuesday 9 April

**Future of the CWC in the post-destruction phase: Presentation of a special report by the EU Institute for Security Studies**
Organiser: Belgian delegation (Ooms Room/OPCW)

**NRBC Response Project and Development, “Assistance and protection against chemical weapons: ICRC's humanitarian perspective”**
Organiser: International Committee of the Red Cross (Ooms Room/OPCW)

**Sea-dumped chemical weapons**
Organisers: International Dialogue on Underwater Munitions (IDUM), Governments of Lithuania and Poland (Ieper Room/OPCW)

**Achieving CWC universality: The future.**
Organisers: Green Cross International/ CWC Coalition (Ooms Room/OPCW)

**Cultural event: Film as a medium for education and outreach**
Organiser: SAB Temporary Working Group on Education and Outreach (Ieper Room/OPCW)

Thursday 11 April

**Reinforcing the global norm against chemical weapons, chemical safety & security, and strengthening national implementation**
Organisers: CWC Coalition of NGOs (Ieper Room/OPCW)
Developing a program on chemical safety and security in chemical activities in Kenya
Organisers: International Centre for Chemical Safety and Security/Poland) and TNO/ Netherlands (Ieper Room/OPCW)

Friday 12 April

Legacy issues of chemical weapons
Organisers: CWC Coalition of NGOs (Ieper Room/OPCW)

Developing a network of resource centres to support implementation of the CWC
Organisers: International Center for Chemical Safety and Security/Poland, TNO/ Netherlands (Ooms Room/OPCW)

Open Forum
Organisers: CWC Coalition of NGOs (Ieper Room/OPCW)

Informal session: Relevant scientific and technological developments.
Organisers: Technical Secretariat (Ieper Room/OPCW)
ANNEX 2

Paragraphs relevant to the cooperation with stakeholders in the
Reports from the CWC Review Conferences


7.79 The First Review Conference noted that a valuable aspect of national implementation measures involves ensuring that the chemical industry, the scientific and technological communities, the armed forces of the States Parties, and the public at large are aware of and knowledgeable about the prohibitions and requirements of the Convention.

7.83 (d) encouraged States Parties to take measures to raise awareness about the prohibitions and requirements of the Convention, inter alia in their armed forces, in industry, and in their scientific and technological communities;

7.108 (g) encouraged the OPCW to continue to establish relations and partnerships, as appropriate, with relevant regional and international organisations, including chemical industry associations and civil society, in order to promote universal adherence and awareness of the objectives and purposes of the Convention; and

7.108 (h) encouraged the OPCW to continue to develop its relationship with the private sector and in particular maintain, through the States Parties concerned, a productive and lasting partnership with the chemical industry, inter alia so that the industry the world over stays aware of the Convention and remains committed to its full implementation.

Attendance of Non-Governmental Organisations during RC-1

1.6 The First Review Conference, in decision RC-1/DEC.3, dated 28 April 2003, approved the participation of 22 non-governmental organisations and six industry associations in its Session.


9.77 The Second Review Conference reaffirmed that raising the awareness of all stakeholders about the prohibitions and requirements of the Convention would benefit national implementation. The Second Review Conference noted that voluntary measures by relevant industry and scientific communities to promote responsible conduct can also help to guard against chemical weapons, as defined in the Convention, being used.

9.116 (h) Encouraged the OPCW to continue to develop relations and partnerships as appropriate with relevant regional and international organisations including international organisations related to chemical safety, chemical industry associations, the private sector and civil society, in order to promote universality and awareness of the objectives and purposes of the Convention. The Second Review Conference welcomed the interest of such groups in the work of the OPCW, including the active engagement of chemical industry.

9.136 The Second Review Conference welcomed recent experience of interactions between National Authorities and other stakeholders in the OPCW from governments and the private sector. It underlined the
importance of the involvement of all stakeholders, including the chemical industry and the scientific community in the promotion of the Convention’s goals and in supporting national implementation. It encouraged the development of such cooperation, with due regard to the role and responsibilities of States Parties and their National Authorities, on the broadest possible geographical basis.

**Attendance of Non-Governmental Organisations during RC-2**


9.16 Desire to improve interaction with chemical industry, the scientific community, academia, and civil society organisations engaged in issues relevant to the Convention, and cooperate as appropriate with other relevant international and regional organisations, in promoting the goals of the Convention; and

9.79 (e) Encouraged the Secretariat through the National Authorities to continue to strengthen relations with respective national chemical industry. The Secretariat is also encouraged to strengthen its relationship with regional and international chemical industry associations; and

9.95 (h) In view of advances in science and technology, the development of the chemical industry, and the growth in the trade of chemicals, encouraged the Secretariat to continue to strengthen its relations with regional and international chemical industry associations; and

9.101 The Third Review Conference acknowledged the role of education, outreach and awareness-raising as a relevant activity for the national implementation of the Convention, including awareness among academia and relevant scientific communities of the provisions of the Convention, the domestic laws and regulations relevant to the Convention. Accordingly, the Third Review Conference welcomed the establishment of the SAB temporary working group on education and outreach.

9.118 (k) Encouraged the OPCW to engage in more active involvement and participation of relevant civil society organisations and chemical industry associations in the assistance and protection programmes; and

9.127 The Third Review Conference noted the initiatives taken by States Parties and the Secretariat to promote activities in the areas of chemical safety and security, and welcomed the role of the OPCW as a platform for voluntary consultations and cooperation among the States Parties and the relevant stakeholders, including the private sector and academia, to promote a global chemical safety and security culture.

9.131 (l) Encouraged the Secretariat to continue to develop relations and partnerships as appropriate with relevant regional and international organisations, as well as chemical industry associations, the private sector, academia, and civil society, in order to raise awareness of the activities of the OPCW;

9.144 The Third Review Conference noted the importance of the contribution to the goals of the Convention that is made by the chemical industry, the scientific community, academia, and civil society organisations engaged with issues relevant to the Convention.
9.155 (n) Encouraged the Secretariat and the States Parties to improve interaction with the chemical industry, the scientific community, academia, and civil society organisations engaged in issues relevant to the Convention, and encouraged the Secretariat and States Parties to develop a more open approach, in conformity with the Rules of Procedure of the policy-making organs with regard to such interaction.

**Attendance of Non-Governmental Organisations during RC-3**


1.7 The Third Review Conference, in decision RC-3/DEC.3, dated 8 April 2013, approved the participation of 70 non-governmental organisations in its Session.

8.3 In accordance with paragraph 3 of Annex of RC-3/DEC.2, the following non-governmental organisations gave presentations at the plenary meeting which was held following the general debate: Green Cross International, Colorado Citizens Advisory Commission, Society for Chemical Weapons Victims Support, Institute for Security Studies, Okan University, Centre for Non-Proliferation and Export Control Issues, International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, VERTIC, International Centre for Chemical Safety and Security Tarnow, Green Cross Russia, Omega Research Foundation, PUC Institute of International Relations, Global Green USA, and NPS Global Foundation.
Civil Society Activities at the Third Review Conference