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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT**REQUEST FROM THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO STATES PARTIES
FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF SYRIAN CHEMICAL WEAPONS**

1. In its decision on the “Destruction of Syrian Chemical Weapons” (EC-M-33/DEC.1, dated 27 September 2013) adopted at its Thirty-Third Meeting, the Executive Council decided, *inter alia*, “to consider, on an urgent basis, the funding mechanisms for activities carried out by the Secretariat with respect to the Syrian Arab Republic, and to call upon all States Parties in a position to do so to provide voluntary contributions for activities carried out in the implementation of this decision”.
2. The verification and destruction target dates identified in the decision will need to be carried out at a tempo unprecedented in the 16-year history of the Organisation. While the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) welcomes and is prepared to face this challenge, the scope and scale of the activities and the tight deadlines for the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons and related facilities cannot be accommodated within the financial resources available from the assessed contributions already paid by Member States. In order to address this gap, the Secretariat has established a trust fund to receive voluntary contributions from States Parties in a position to make them. The purpose of the OPCW trust fund for Syria shall be to conduct activities related to the inspection and verification of the destruction of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic, pursuant to the mandates from the OPCW Executive Council (EC-M-33/DEC.1) and the United Nations Security Council (Security Council resolution 2118 (2013)).
3. I appeal to all States Parties to consider making their own voluntary contribution, in whatever amount, to the Trust Fund for Syria to help address what is perhaps one of the most daunting challenges in the history of the Organisation. The destruction of Syrian chemical weapons is in the interests of all members of the OPCW.
4. The United Nations has also set up a trust fund and the United Nations and the OPCW have consulted closely on these separate but complementary trust funds, to ensure there is no overlap in the activities supported by the two funds. In order to facilitate the achievement of the aforementioned deadlines for destruction, the OPCW and the United Nations have established a joint mission for the verification of the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons. The organisations have agreed that they will each fund their own personnel, responsibilities, and tasks in areas of their particular competencies.



5. In accordance with the division of roles and tasks agreed between the Director-General of the OPCW and the United Nations Secretary-General, as set out in Security Council resolution 2118 (2013), the OPCW will be responsible for conducting activities related to the inspection and verification of the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons. The United Nations will provide support to overall coordination and liaison with the Syrian Government and opposition groups, security arrangements, logistics, information assessments, communications and outreach, and administration. The United Nations will also engage, in its areas of responsibility, with international and regional actors, as well as with the Security Council and other stakeholders, in furtherance of implementation of resolution 2118 (2013) and related resolutions of the Security Council.
6. To date, the Secretariat has received voluntary contributions to the trust fund of approximately EUR 7.3 million from five States Parties. At this early stage, certain cost estimates can reasonably be made, while others will have to await progress on the ground. The currently quantifiable costs are associated with the personnel costs of deploying continuous rotations of inspection and support teams (OPCW staff and temporarily recruited personnel); the costs of purchasing equipment and protective gear; and the costs of hiring replacement staff on a temporary basis to continue the ongoing programme of work of the Organisation while staff at the Secretariat are diverted to complete the task of destroying Syrian chemical weapons and related facilities. Preliminary estimates indicate that EUR 3 million will be needed for the initial activities for the remainder of 2013, while the verification of destruction in 2014 could cost an additional EUR 4 to 6 million. The activities for which these funds will be spent include the provision of technical assistance; the conduct of inspections to assess the initial declaration; rendering inoperable chemical weapons production facilities; and the verification of the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons.
7. The costs of verification activities related to the Syrian Arab Republic in 2014 should be funded through assessed contributions to the annual Programme and Budget, taking into account decisions of the policy-making organs in respect of possessor State reimbursement. Depending on decisions still to be taken, certain destruction and verification costs may need to be funded through voluntary contributions from the States Parties. At this point, however, it is not possible to make a reliable estimate, but the costs could nevertheless be considerable. It should be noted that the above cost estimates do not include costs that might be absorbed by the Syrian government.
8. As the costs of the initial visits to the Syrian Arab Republic by OPCW experts in the coming weeks are analysed, it may be necessary to revise the projected resource requirements for both the 2014 Budget and voluntary contributions. Any contributions received in excess of actual requirements could be applied to future assessed contributions or returned, at the discretion of the contributing State Party, on a pro rata basis, in proportion to the relative share of the contribution of a State Party to the Trust Fund for Syria.
9. The operation of the trust fund is subject to the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules (C-15/DEC.5, dated 1 December 2010), which cover oversight by means of internal and external audits and the requirement that the Secretariat report to States Parties on the operation of the fund. A voluntary contribution to the trust fund is

documented in writing: The donor can use its own template document, or the model Voluntary Contribution Agreement attached at Annex 2. Alternatively, the donor may consider using a simple Exchange of Letters to document its voluntary contribution (Annex 3). Contributions can be in the form of a donation to the trust fund or, for instance, the return of any cash surplus to be distributed to the States Parties in accordance with Financial Regulation 6.3. The trust fund can also accept contributions from other sources, including non-governmental organisations, institutions, or private donors.

10. It is important to highlight and note that the United Nations and the OPCW have worked closely on the establishment of these separate, but coordinated, trust funds for the joint mission, and have agreed upon a common programme-support cost of seven percent to cover administrative costs. The two organisations have established a coordination mechanism between the fund administrations to ensure that they are managed in a complementary and not competitive manner.
11. States Parties that wish to make a contribution to the Trust Fund for Syria are invited to contact the Director of Administration of the OPCW, Mr John Sequeira (telephone number: +31 (0)70 416 3816), who can also be reached at: john.sequeira@opcw.org to discuss practical arrangements.
12. Details of the OPCW bank account to which contributions in euros may be transferred are as follows:

Beneficiary:	OPCW Trust Fund for Syria
Bank name:	ABN AMRO Bank, the Netherlands
Bank account number:	51.32.06.434
IBAN number:	NL42ABNA0513206434
BIC/SWIFT code:	ABNANL2A
Bank address:	Coolsingel 119 Postbus 949 3000 DD Rotterdam, Netherlands
13. States Parties that wish to make a contribution to the United Nations Trust Fund for the elimination of Syrian chemical weapons are invited to contact Mr Rick Martin, Acting Director of Field Budget and Finance in the United Nations Department of Field Support, (telephone number: +1 917 367 3253), who can also be reached at: martin24@un.org to discuss practical arrangements.
14. The Secretariat wishes to express in advance its gratitude to those States Parties that decide to make a voluntary contribution to the trust fund.

Annexes (English only):

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| Annex 1: | Joint OPCW-United Nations Annex to the Requests for Voluntary Contributions |
| Annex 2: | Template for Voluntary Contribution Agreement |
| Annex 3: | Template for Exchange of Letters |

Annex 1



OPCW

Joint Annex to the

**Request from the Director-General to States Parties
for Voluntary Contributions for the Destruction of
Syrian Chemical Weapons**
(Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons)

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**Request from the Secretary-General to Member
States for Voluntary Contributions for the Elimination
of Syrian Chemical Weapons**
(United Nations)

United Nations



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Introduction

1. On 14 September 2013, the Syrian Arab Republic deposited its instrument of accession to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling, and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction (hereinafter “the Convention”) with the Secretary-General, declaring that it shall comply with the stipulations of the Convention, applying the Convention provisionally pending its entry into force for the Syrian Arab Republic.
2. On 27 September 2013, in decision EC-M-33/DEC.1, the Executive Council of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) called for the expeditious destruction of the Syrian Arab Republic’s chemical weapons programme and its verification. This decision sets out strict deadlines for the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons material, equipment, and facilities.
3. In its resolution 2118 (2013), also of 27 September 2013, the United Nations Security Council called for the expeditious destruction of the Syrian chemical weapons programme. It went on to request that the OPCW and the United Nations work closely on the implementation of the OPCW Executive Council decision and Security Council resolution. The resolution further encouraged Member States to provide support, including personnel, technical expertise, information, equipment, and financial or other resources to the OPCW and the United Nations to enable the implementation of the Security Council resolution and of the OPCW Executive Council decision.

Background

4. The deadlines for the various stages of the implementation of the destruction of the Syrian chemical weapons programme, as stipulated in the OPCW Executive Council decision and endorsed by the Security Council resolution, will require an unprecedented tempo of operations by both the OPCW and the United Nations. By 30 June 2014, the joint mission will be expected to have inspected, monitored, and verified the destruction of a complex chemical weapons programme involving multiple sites, spread over a country engulfed in violent conflict, and involving approximately 1,000 metric tonnes of chemical weapons, agents, and precursors.
5. There will be complicated technical questions related to the destruction. Combined with these technical challenges, the ongoing conflict in the Syrian Arab Republic means that the OPCW and the United Nations will face exceedingly complex security challenges in ensuring a safe operating environment for mission personnel operating in the Syrian Arab Republic. Furthermore, significant potential public health and environment risks must be addressed.
6. Initial analysis from an advance team of United Nations and OPCW personnel indicates three phases of implementation, as follows. In Phase I, the advance team would establish an initial presence in Damascus, develop an initial operating capability, and conduct initial verification activities, particularly through dialogue with the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic, with a view to clarifying its initial declaration to the OPCW. The advance team would also conduct planning for site visits and verification activities, and for future phases. During Phase II, the OPCW

would complete the initial inspections of all Syrian chemical weapons production and storage facilities, and oversee the destruction by the Syrian Arab Republic of all chemical weapons production facilities, and of mixing and filling equipment. Planning for Phase III will also take place both in respect of technical and operational capabilities. The OPCW and the United Nations will consult with States Parties and Member States respectively on the forthcoming destruction requirements and on the security risks, as well as the possible impact of the destruction effort on public health and the environment.

7. As the most difficult part of the work, Phase III would involve efforts to monitor and verify the destruction of all chemical weapons and related material. This would require extensive work by OPCW and United Nations personnel, and movement across active confrontation lines, and in some cases through territory controlled by armed groups. There will be complicated technical questions related to the destruction, as well as significant operational and logistic challenges related to the transport of specialised equipment and personnel to meet ambitious timelines.

Requirements

8. A joint OPCW-UN advance team deployed to the Syrian Arab Republic on 1 October 2013, and has already initiated some of these activities, including initial inspections of chemical weapons production facilities. As envisaged, the OPCW and United Nations will operate in areas of their particular competencies, taking into account the necessary and complementary roles of each organisation in supporting and conducting the joint mission. Each organisation will fund its own personnel, responsibilities, and tasks.
9. The OPCW will engage with the Syrian Government in verifying the destruction of chemical weapons, as well as that of facilities related to chemical weapons storage, production (including mixing and filling), and research and development. The OPCW will also conduct inspections pursuant to the decision of the Executive Council (EC-M-33/DEC.1), and other activities related to the verification of the destruction of the Syrian chemical weapons programme. The United Nations will provide support to overall coordination and liaison with the Syrian Government and opposition groups, security arrangements, logistics, information assessments, communications, outreach, and administrative services for the joint mission. The United Nations will also engage, in its areas of responsibility, with international and regional actors, as well as the Security Council and other stakeholders, in furthering the implementation of resolution 2118 (2013) and related resolutions of the Security Council.
10. All destruction of chemical weapons facilities, stocks, and associated material is the responsibility of the Government of Syrian Arab Republic. Neither the OPCW nor the United Nations is mandated to conduct destruction activities. Given the complexities of the required destruction effort, it is highly probable that assistance by other Member States will be required in providing both technical and operational advice, support and equipment, and security in order to successfully complete the destruction and/or removal activities within the allotted time.

Financing of the requirements

11. United Nations core functions in relation to the joint mission will be funded through the regular budget. The United Nations Trust Fund is designed to meet extra-ordinary expenses of the United Nations associated with the implementation of resolution 2118 (2013) and related resolutions. This trust fund provides an opportunity to leverage United Nations comparative advantages and complement other efforts of the international community as requirements continue to emerge. The OPCW will also call upon assessed contributions provided by its States Parties to the extent possible and has also established a trust fund to provide for shortfalls in assessed funding, complement the efforts mandated to the joint mission, and support efforts to address unexpected eventualities. The OPCW and the United Nations are working in close cooperation upon these separate but coordinated trust funds. In this context, a commitment to cooperation between the United Nations and the OPCW will be a hallmark of activities undertaken through the trust funds.
12. The United Nations Trust Fund and the OPCW Trust Fund will be used to support the respective activities of the United Nations and the OPCW within their areas of competence, as part of their commitment to the joint mission and in line with the decision of the OPCW Executive Council and the resolution of the Security Council. The OPCW and the United Nations will continue to work in close coordination to ensure these separate but complementary trust funds are mutually reinforcing.

Appendix: United Nations and OPCW Trust Fund Comparison Table

Appendix

UNITED NATIONS AND OPCW TRUST FUND COMPARISON TABLE

	OPCW TRUST FUND	UNITED NATIONS TRUST FUND
Purpose	The purpose of the trust fund is to provide funding to facilitate the technical activities of the OPCW in support of the verification of the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons.	The purpose of the trust fund is to support efforts to destroy Syrian chemical weapons in accordance with the United Nations Security Council resolution 2118 (2013) and subsequent resolutions.
Activities to be Funded	Costs associated with the inspection and verification of the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons, including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • personnel costs and travel • purchasing of equipment and protective gear • hiring of staff • provision of technical assistance • inspections to assess Syria's initial declaration • activities related to rendering inoperable chemical weapons production facilities • verification of the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons • any other OPCW activity in line with the obligations of the Chemical Weapons Convention and Executive Council decision EC-M-33/DEC.1 	Costs associated with activities complementary to core mandated tasks in support of Security Council resolutions subsequent and related to resolution 2118, including the destruction of chemical weapons material, equipment and facilities.
Programme Support Costs	Seven percent (7%)	Seven percent (7%)
Reporting Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual financial report • Annual substantive progress report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual financial report • Annual substantive progress report
Point of Contact	Mr John Sequeira john.sequeira@opcw.org + 31 (0) 70 416 3816 Director of Administration OPCW HQ, The Hague Johan de Wittlaan 32 2517 JR The Hague The Netherlands	Mr Rick Martin martin24@un.org +1 917 367 3253 Acting Director of the Field Budget and Finance Division Field Budget and Finance Division Department of Field Support United Nations HQ One UN Plaza, 08-86 New York, NY, United States
Trust Fund Coordination	The separate but related trust funds of the OPCW and the United Nations will work together closely on all relevant matters. The fund administrations will maintain regular and substantive communication, coordination, and cooperation. Non-earmarked funds are preferred, but where funds are earmarked, the respective fund administrations will coordinate allocation in line with the stated purposes of the fund.	

Annex 2**TEMPLATE FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT****ORGANISATION FOR THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS****VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
[NAME OF DONOR STATE]****AND****THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT OF THE ORGANISATION FOR THE PROHIBITION
OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS****FOR ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE DESTRUCTION OF
SYRIAN CHEMICAL WEAPONS****1. The Contribution**

The [GOVERNMENT / MINISTRY OF DONOR STATE], represented by Ambassador [NAME], Permanent Representative of [NAME OF THE DONOR STATE] to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (“Donor”), shall grant the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (“OPCW”), represented by Ahmet Üzümcü, Director-General (“Recipient”), a one-off voluntary contribution in the total amount of [AMOUNT euros] (in words: [AMOUNT euros]) (“the Contribution”).

The Contribution is to be paid into the Trust Fund for Syria (“Trust Fund”), which is managed by the OPCW, in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the OPCW, for activities related to the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons.

2. Purpose

The Donor and the Recipient agree that the Contribution shall be used exclusively for the purposes of supporting the Recipient’s activities undertaken in relation to the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons in accordance with the framework and programmes set out in the decision of the Executive Council EC-M-33/DEC.1, dated 27 September 2013 (“the Council Decision”).

The period for which the funds in the Contribution may be used shall be linked to the duration of the activities set forth in the decision of the Council Decision.

The Recipient shall not be responsible in the event that the project activities identified in the Council Decision could not be undertaken due to lack of cooperation of the Syrian Arab Republic or any other impediments relating to the security situation.

The Recipient shall promptly inform the Donor in writing if the purpose of the Trust Fund or other circumstances crucial to the implementation of the envisaged activities under the programmes set out in the Council Decision change or no longer apply. The same applies if it becomes clear that the purpose of the Trust Fund cannot or can no longer be fulfilled.

3. Terms of payment

The Donor will transfer the Contribution to the following bank account upon the entry into force of the present Agreement in one lump sum.

Name of the Recipient:	OPCW Trust Fund for Syria
Bank name:	ABN AMRO Bank, the Netherlands
Bank account number:	51.32.06.434
IBAN number:	NL42ABNA0513206434
BIC/SWIFT code:	ABNANL2A
Bank address:	Coolsingel 119 Postbus 949 3000 DD Rotterdam Netherlands
Reference:	Trust Fund for Syria

4. Administration of funds and reporting

The Recipient shall administer the Contribution in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the OPCW.

All financial accounts and statements provided by the Recipient shall be expressed in euros. Funds received by the Recipient in currencies other than euros shall be converted into euros at the spot rate used by the bank where the OPCW holds the Trust Funds.

Programme management and expenditures shall be governed by the relevant internal legislation of the OPCW.

The Recipient shall keep detailed accounts and records concerning the activities financed by the Contribution and make available, upon written request, relevant financial information including financial statements submitted to the policy-making organs of the OPCW concerning the use of the Contribution.

5. Interest

Any interest (accrued interest) earned on the Contribution by the Recipient shall be paid in full into the Trust Fund.

Interest may not be credited to the Recipient's Regular Budget Fund and it may not be used to finance other activities of the Recipient.

6. Auditing

The Contribution is subject exclusively to the internal and external auditing procedures set forth in the Financial Regulations and Rules of the OPCW.

7. Privileges and immunities

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of privileges or immunities of the OPCW pursuant to the Chemical Weapons Convention and any agreement to which the OPCW is a party, or which it otherwise enjoys.

8. Confidentiality

Nothing in this Agreement requires either party to furnish any material, data and information whose disclosure could in that party's judgment require it to violate its authorities or policies on confidentiality.

9. Amendments

The present Agreement may only be amended by prior written agreement between the Donor and the Recipient.

10. Entry into force

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of last signature by the duly authorised representatives of the Donor and the Recipient and shall remain in force until the Donor and the Recipient have fulfilled all their obligations thereunder.

The undersigned, duly authorised representatives of the Donor and the Recipient, respectively, have signed this Agreement in two originals, in English.

For [the Donor]:

Date: _____

For the OPCW:

Ahmet Üzümcü
Director-General

Date: _____

Annex 3

TEMPLATE FOR EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

*Model proposal to be provided by the Donor to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW
(on the Donor's letterhead)*

Director-General,

I have the honour to refer to the Trust Fund created for the purposes of supporting the activities of the OPCW Technical Secretariat related to the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons (hereinafter "the Project") and to propose on behalf of the Government of [...] the following:

The Government of [...] will contribute a total amount of [insert currency and amount in words and numerals] (hereinafter "the Contribution") to the OPCW to be used towards the implementation of the Project. The Contribution will be paid and administered as described in the Annex to this Letter.

The Government of [...] understands that the OPCW Technical Secretariat will have no obligation to implement the Project unless all necessary and sufficient funds for implementation have been received and that, if the starting date of the Project is postponed because of a delay in receiving all necessary funding, the completion date of the Project will be extended accordingly.

It is understood that the OPCW Technical Secretariat will administer the Contribution in accordance with the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, and that the Contribution is subject exclusively to the internal and external auditing procedures laid down in those Financial Regulations and Rules.

The Government of [...] proposes that, if any dispute arises relating to the implementation or interpretation of this letter, the Government of [...] and the OPCW Technical Secretariat will consult with a view to reaching an agreement. If an agreement is not reached, the Government of [...] and the OPCW Technical Secretariat will seek an amicable settlement through conciliation, in accordance with the UNCITRAL¹ Conciliation Rules applicable at the time the dispute arises, or according to such other procedure as may be agreed between the Government of [...] and the OPCW Technical Secretariat.

I propose that, upon receipt of your confirmation in writing of the above, the present letter (with its Attachment) and your reply will constitute an agreement between the Government of [...] and the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW, and that we continue to cooperate on this basis until either the Government of [...] or the OPCW Technical Secretariat decide to terminate this agreement by giving [...] days' written notice.

Yours sincerely,

(Signature/Name/Title/Date)

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UNCITRAL = United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Attachment: Project summary

The following provides a description of the Project and the list of activities to be undertaken thereunder. It also outlines certain tasks to be undertaken by the OPCW Technical Secretariat with respect to the administration of the Contribution.

Project name:	Trust Fund for Syria
Description of the Project (including purpose, deliverables or activities to be performed by the OPCW):	The activities undertaken in relation to the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons
Timeline of the Project:	In accordance with decision EC-M-33/DEC.1 of the Executive Council, dated 27 September 2013
Total budget of the Project:	Projected budget of EUR 50 million
Amount of Contribution:	
Schedule of payments:	In a single payment upon acceptance of the conditions of this letter OR In [...] instalments in accordance with the following schedule: (Currency & amount)..... on; (Currency & amount)..... on
OPCW bank details:	Beneficiary: OPCW Trust Fund for Syria Bank name: ABN AMRO Bank, the Netherlands Bank account number: 51.32.06.434 IBAN number: NL42ABNA0513206434 BIC/SWIFT code: ABNANL2A Bank address: Coolsingel 119 Postbus 949 3000 DD Rotterdam Netherlands
Contact details:	Donor (substantive issues): Name: _____ Title: _____ Address: _____ Telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____ Electronic mail: _____ Donor (financial issues): Name: _____ Title: _____ Address: _____ Telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____ Electronic mail: _____

	<p>OPCW (substantive issues): Name: _____ Title: _____ Address: _____ Telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____ Electronic mail: _____</p> <p>OPCW (financial issues): Name: _____ Title: _____ Address: _____ Telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____ Electronic mail: _____</p>
Administration of the Contribution:	<p>The OPCW Technical Secretariat undertakes to perform the following tasks related to the administration of the Contribution:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To keep the Contribution accounted for separately and apart from the Regular Budget Fund of the OPCW; 2. To commingle the Contribution with other contributions received by the OPCW for the same purpose and place it in the same trust fund, as appropriate; 3. To utilise the Contribution in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the OPCW for the purpose of meeting the actual costs of the Project; 4. To treat as miscellaneous income and credit to the OPCW Regular Budget Fund any amount aimed at covering administrative costs; 5. To convert the Contribution to euros, if provided to the OPCW in a currency other than the euro, at the spot rate used by the bank where the OPCW holds the Trust Funds; 6. To include in the OPCW Financial Statements the income and expenditure recorded in respect of the Contribution; 7. To provide a final financial report of income and expenditure in respect of the Contribution to the Government of [...] after settlement of all obligations for activities implemented; 8. To [re-programme for the same project/ use at the discretion of the OPCW Technical Secretariat / re-pay to the Donor / other options] any gains resulting from exchange rate fluctuations; 9. To [re-programme for the same project/ use at the discretion of the OPCW Technical Secretariat / pay to the Donor / other options] any interest earned on the cash balance; 10. To allow a period of up to twelve months after the end of the financial year of operational completion of the Project to liquidate all obligations for activities completed; 11. To retain the trust fund open until all expenditures incurred by the OPCW Technical Secretariat for the Project have been satisfied, upon operational completion of the Project.