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**REVIEW OF THE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
SUBMITTED BY COMMERCIAL FACILITIES WITH RESPECT TO THE
DESTRUCTION OF SYRIAN CHEMICAL WEAPONS**

1. At its Thirty-Fourth Meeting, the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) adopted a decision setting forth the detailed requirements for the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons and Syrian chemical weapons production facilities (EC-M-34/DEC.1, dated 15 November 2013).
2. In paragraph 24 of this decision, the Council requested “the Director-General to explore, on an urgent basis, in consultation with the relevant States Parties, options for destruction in commercial chemical disposal facilities of the binary chemical weapons components and any associated reaction masses” (i.e. resulting from the destruction of mustard agent and the key binary chemical weapon components DF, A, B, and BB, including BB salt) and all other chemicals declared by the Syrian Arab Republic, except isopropanol.
3. On 21 November 2013, the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) issued a call for expressions of interest from companies interested in participating in a future tender for the treatment and disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous organic and inorganic chemicals and related packaging materials and containers/drums, or parts thereof, and brought it to the attention of States Parties via a Note (S/1142/2013, dated 22 November 2013).
4. As at the deadline of 29 November 2013, the Secretariat had received expressions of interest from 38 companies. Four additional responses were submitted after the deadline¹. In total, 42 companies have expressed interest in the treatment and disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous organic and inorganic chemicals, effluent and related packaging materials and containers/drums, or parts thereof.
5. The 42 companies are located in 21 States Parties, with three companies having facilities located in more than one State Party.
6. Thirty-four of the 42 aforementioned companies have provided detailed information about their main areas of activities. Among those 34 companies, only 18 appear to

¹ One expression of interest was received on 2 December 2013, two others on 3 December 2013, and the last one on 4 December 2013.



own facilities which are able to dispose of chemicals and/or effluents whereas the remaining 16 are split into the following categories:

- (a) Equipment suppliers (12 companies);
 - (b) Expertise service providers (two companies);
 - (c) Subcontractor (one company); and
 - (d) Coordinating agent for commercial companies (one company).
7. With regard to the technologies proposed for the treatment and disposal activities, 16 of the 18 aforementioned companies indicated incineration as one of the technologies they could use. Additional technologies proposed were hydrolysis and neutralisation.
 8. It is the intention of the Secretariat to begin the tendering process as early as possible following the Thirty-Sixth Meeting of the Council on 17 December 2013. In order to do so, financial resources must be made available. States Parties wishing to provide in-kind contributions are encouraged to do so at the earliest opportunity, prior to the launching of the tender process, by contracting with a company or companies to conduct the treatment and disposal of some of the chemicals and effluents listed in the request for expressions of interest.
 9. As reported by the Director-General in his Note EC-M-36/DG.1, dated 2 December 2013, the evaluation of the tenders will be based on guidelines developed by the Secretariat, which were shared with States Parties on 29 November 2013 and were made available on the external server.

Annex: Distribution by State Party of the Expressions of Interest Submitted

Annex**DISTRIBUTION BY STATE PARTY OF THE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
SUBMITTED**

State Party	Number of Expressions of Interest
Belgium	1 ²
Canada	2
Czech Republic	1
Denmark	1 ³
France	6 ⁴
Finland	1
Germany	3 ⁵
Greece	3
Hungary	1
India	1
Japan	1
Jordan	1
Norway	1
Romania	1
Russian Federation	1
Saudi Arabia	1
Slovenia	1
Spain	1
Switzerland	2
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	5 ⁶
United States of America	10 ⁷

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² The company has submitted an expression of interest together with information on facilities located in Denmark, France, Germany, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

³ The company also submitted an expression of interest together with information on facilities located in Belgium, France, Germany, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

⁴ One of the six companies has submitted an expression of interest together with information on facilities located in Belgium, Denmark, Germany, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

⁵ One of the three companies also submitted an expression of interest together with information on facilities located in Belgium, Denmark, France, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

⁶ One of the five companies has also submitted an expression of interest together with information on facilities located in Belgium, Denmark, France, and Germany. Two other ones have submitted the expression of interest together with information on facilities located in both the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

⁷ Two of the 10 companies have submitted an expression of interest together with information on facilities located in both the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.