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1. ORGANISATIONAL MATTERS

1.1 The Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) is the executive organ of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW). The Council promotes the effective implementation of, and compliance with, the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”). It also supervises the activities of the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”), cooperates with the National Authority of each State Party, and facilitates consultations and cooperation amongst States Parties at their request.

1.2 The following tables show, by regional grouping, the composition of the Council for the period from 12 May 2011 to 11 May 2012, and from 12 May 2012 to 11 May 2013.

TABLE 1: COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL FROM 12 MAY 2011 TO 11 MAY 2012

Regional Group	States Parties
Africa	Algeria, Cameroon, Kenya, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, and South Africa
Asia	China, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, and Sri Lanka
Eastern Europe	Albania, Croatia, Hungary, Romania, and Russian Federation
Latin America and the Caribbean	Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, and Mexico
Western European and Other States	Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America

TABLE 2: COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL FROM 12 MAY 2012 TO 11 MAY 2013

Regional Group	States Parties
Africa	Algeria, Cameroon, Libya ¹ , Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Sudan
Asia	China, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia
Eastern Europe	Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Russian Federation, Ukraine
Latin America and the Caribbean	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru
Western European and Other States	Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Portugal, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

¹ On 16 September 2011, the National Transitional Council requested, via the Protocol and Liaison Service of the United Nations, that the form “Libya”, previously not in use at the United Nations, replace both the earlier official and short forms (respectively, “the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya” and “the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya”).

- 1.3 At its Sixteenth Session, the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”) adopted decisions on matters the Council had referred to it, and referred matters to the Council for consideration.

Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Council

- 1.4 At its Sixty-Eighth Session, the Council elected Ambassador Bhaswati Mukherjee of India as its Chairperson, and Ambassador Miguel Eduardo Calahorrano of Ecuador, Ambassador Roman A. Kolodkin of the Russian Federation, Ambassador Sirajuddin Hamid Yousif of Sudan, and Ambassador Robert Mikulak of the United States of America as its Vice-Chairpersons, for a term of office ending on 11 May 2013.
- 1.5 The following table lists the dates on which the Council held its regular sessions during the period under review.

TABLE 3: DATES OF REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL

Session	Dates
Sixty-Sixth	4 – 7 October 2011
Sixty-Seventh	14 – 17 February and 27 March 2012
Sixty-Eighth	1 – 4 May 2012
Sixty-Ninth	10 – 13 July 2012

- 1.6 The Council held one meeting during the reporting period, its Thirty-First Meeting (on 23, 24, and 30 November and on 1 and 2 December 2011).

Accreditation of representatives to the Executive Council

- 1.7 The most recent examination of credentials (EC-69/DG.4/Rev.1, dated 10 July 2012), which the Director-General conducted and reported on to the Council at its Sixty-Ninth Session, in accordance with Rule 4 of its Rules of Procedure, established that the credentials of the representatives of all members of the Council, as at the date of that report, had met the requirements of Rule 3.

Application of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council

- 1.8 During the period under review, observer States Parties participated actively in all sessions of the Council, with an average of 51 present at each session. Each request by observers to present their views was granted under Rule 22 of the aforementioned Rules of Procedure.

Working methods of the Executive Council

- 1.9 During the period under review, the Chairperson of the Council, working in consultation with its Vice-Chairpersons and its members, reviewed and published lists of issues under regular consultation and outstanding issues on the agenda of the Council (EC-66/INF.1, dated 25 August 2011; EC-67/INF.1, dated 28 October 2011; EC-68/INF.1, dated 10 April 2012; and EC-69/INF.1, dated 11 June 2012).

- 1.10 The Vice-Chairpersons of the Council were designated as coordinators for chemical weapons issues; chemical-industry and other Article VI issues; administrative and financial issues; and legal, organisational, and other issues. Facilitators were also appointed for many of the issues requiring resolution. Ambassador Ruthie Chepkoech Rono of Kenya acted as the facilitator for the Open-Ended Working Group on Terrorism.
- 1.11 The Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session noted the report of the Vice-Chairperson responsible for chemical-industry and other Article VI issues and concurred with the recommendations contained therein (EC-67/WP.2, dated 14 February 2012).
- 1.12 At the Sixty-Seventh Session of the Council, at the request of the Chairperson, the co-facilitator for the issue of the site-selection methodology for other chemical production facilities briefed the Council on the state of affairs since its last regular session. The Council concurred with the facilitator's recommendation that the issue be kept open by the Industry Cluster for receiving proposals under subitem 11(c) of Section B of Part IX of the Verification Annex to the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter "the Verification Annex").
- 1.13 Also at the request of the Chairperson at the same session, the facilitator for the consultation on salts of scheduled chemicals briefed the Council on the outcome of the facilitations on this matter. The Council noted a working paper by the facilitator (EC-67/WP.1, dated 8 February 2012), and concurred with a recommendation that the issue of salts of scheduled chemicals (subitem II.1(i) of EC-67/INF.1) be considered closed and requiring no further action. The Council forwarded this recommendation to the Conference for consideration at its next regular session. The Council also concurred with the facilitator's recommendation regarding the issue of studying the need for a recommendation regarding the future treatment of salts of Schedule 1 chemicals (item II.12 of EC-67/INF.1) that no recommendation was necessary at this time, and that this issue be considered closed and requiring no further action. The Council concurred with the recommendations contained in the working paper that, in the event new information becomes available that merits further review, the Council may consider returning, on a case-by-case basis, to the issue of salts of scheduled chemicals.

2. STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

Statements and reports by the Director-General

- 2.1 In his opening statement to each session of the Council during the period under review, the Director-General elaborated, inter alia, on aspects of compliance by States Parties with the requirements of the Convention, and on related activities undertaken by the Secretariat. He also submitted numerous reports to the Council, either in fulfilment of various requirements of the Convention or in response to requests by the Council or the Conference.

Draft report of the OPCW for 2011

- 2.2 The Council at its Sixty-Ninth Session considered the "Draft Report of the OPCW on the Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development,

Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction in 2011” (EC-69/3 C-17/CRP.1, dated 11 July 2012) and forwarded it to the Conference for its consideration at its Seventeenth Session. The Council requested the Secretariat to post this document on the OPCW external website, clearly indicating that it had yet to be considered and approved by the Conference. The Secretariat took note of the comments made by some delegations and undertook to issue a corrigendum.

Agreements on the privileges and immunities of the OPCW

- 2.3 The Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session considered and concluded an agreement between the OPCW and the Government of the Republic of Mali on the privileges and immunities of the OPCW (EC-66/DEC.8, dated 5 October 2011).
- 2.4 The Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session also considered and concluded an agreement between the OPCW and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on the privileges and immunities of the OPCW (EC-66/DEC.9, dated 5 October 2011).
- 2.5 The Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session considered and concluded an agreement between the OPCW and the Kingdom of Thailand on the privileges and immunities of the OPCW (EC-67/DEC.3, dated 15 February 2012).
- 2.6 The Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session also considered and concluded an agreement between the OPCW and the Republic of Paraguay on the privileges and immunities of the OPCW (EC-67/DEC.4, dated 15 February 2012).
- 2.7 The Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session considered and concluded an agreement between the OPCW and the Lao People’s Democratic Republic on the privileges and immunities of the OPCW (EC-67/DEC.5, dated 15 February 2012).
- 2.8 The Council at its Sixty-Eighth Session considered and concluded an agreement between the OPCW and the Republic of Mozambique on the privileges and immunities of the OPCW (EC-68/DEC.2, dated 2 May 2012).

Universality-related activities

- 2.9 At its Twenty-Third Meeting, the Council adopted an action plan for the universality of the Convention (EC-M-23/DEC.3, dated 24 October 2003). The plan, inter alia, requested the Director-General to submit to the Conference at its regular sessions an annual report on the implementation of the plan and to keep the Council regularly informed, so that the Conference and the Council might review progress and monitor its implementation effectively. The Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session considered and noted the annual report on this plan for the period from 16 September 2010 to 15 September 2011, submitted to both the Council and the Conference (EC-66/DG.16 C-16/DG.15, dated 30 September 2011).

Verification Implementation Reports

- 2.10 The Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session considered and noted a corrigendum to the 2010 Verification Implementation Report (VIR) (EC-65/HP/DG.1/Corr.2, dated 23 September 2011).
- 2.11 The Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session also considered and noted the supplement to the 2010 VIR (EC-66/HP/DG.1, dated 29 August 2011 and Corr.1, dated 28 September 2011).
- 2.12 The Council at its Sixty-Ninth Session considered and noted the 2011 VIR (EC-69/HP/DG.1, dated 1 May 2012 and Corr.1, dated 9 July 2012). The Council also noted the comments and views received on the 2011 VIR (EC-69/HP/DG.2, dated 25 June 2012), as well as the Chairperson's summary of the consultations on it (EC-69/2, dated 10 July 2012).

Implementation of the regime governing the handling of confidential information by the Technical Secretariat

- 2.13 The Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session considered and noted a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the regime governing the handling of confidential information by the Secretariat in 2011 (EC-67/DG.8 C-17/DG.1, dated 1 February 2012).

Timely submission of declarations under Article VI of the Convention

- 2.14 Further to a decision by the Council at its Fifty-First Session (EC-51/DEC.1, dated 27 November 2007) and in accordance with the recommendation of the Second Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter "the Second Review Conference") (paragraph 9.60 of RC-2/4, dated 18 April 2008), the Council at its Sixty-Seventh and Sixty-Ninth Sessions noted the status reports by the Director-General on the timely submission by States Parties of declarations under Article VI of the Convention (EC-67/DG.4, dated 19 January 2012; and EC-69/DG.7, dated 18 June 2012 and Corr.1, dated 10 July 2012).

Chemical industry and other Article VI-related issues

- 2.15 At its Sixty-Sixth Session, the Council considered and adopted, as amended, a decision on the policy guidelines for determining the number of Article VI inspections (EC-66/DEC.10, dated 7 October 2011).

Progress made in the implementation of Article VII obligations

- 2.16 Further to a decision by the Conference at its Fourteenth Session regarding the implementation of Article VII obligations (C-14/DEC.12, dated 4 December 2009), the Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session noted a report by the Director-General on the "Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 29 July 2011: Article VII(1)(a) to (c) and Other Obligations" (EC-66/DG.7 C-16/DG.10, dated 29 August 2011); a report by the Director-General

on the “Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 29 July 2011: Further Obligations Pursuant to Article VII” (EC-66/DG.8 C-16/DG.11, dated 29 August 2011); and a Note by the Director-General on the “Overview of the Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 29 July 2011” (EC-66/DG.9 C-16/DG.12, dated 29 August 2011). The Council submitted the documents to the Conference for consideration at its Sixteenth Session.

Issues related to meeting the final extended deadline and other destruction-related issues

- 2.17 At its Fifteenth Session, the Conference encouraged the Chairperson of the Council to continue the informal consultations on how and when to initiate the discussion by the Council on issues related to meeting the final extended deadline for the destruction of chemical weapons as mandated by the Council at its Fifty-Eighth Session (paragraph 9.10 of C-15/5, dated 3 December 2010). At its Sixty-Fourth Session, the Council requested its Chairperson to conduct further consultations on these issues with a view to finding a solution and submitting recommendations to the Conference for consideration at its Sixteenth Session. The Council undertook intensive consultations on the basis of this adjusted mandate.
- 2.18 Having considered the draft decision of the Conference regarding the final extended deadline of 29 April 2012 submitted by the Chairperson of the Council (EC-M-31/DEC/CRP.2, dated 22 November 2011), the Council approved the draft decision and decided, pursuant to Rule 42 of its Rules of Procedure, to transmit the draft decision to the Conference at its Sixteenth Session, together with its recommendation that the draft decision be adopted by the Conference (EC-M-31/DEC.3, dated 24 November 2011).
- 2.19 The Council requested the Director-General to submit a report on the financial, administrative and programme and budget implications of the draft decision, prepared in accordance with Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, to the Council at its Thirty-First Meeting and to the Conference at its Sixteenth Session.
- 2.20 Further to the relevant decisions by the Conference at its Eleventh, Fourteenth, and Sixteenth Sessions, reports by the possessor States Parties on the progress made by those States Parties that had been granted extensions of deadlines for the destruction of their chemical weapons were circulated to the members of the Council at its Sixty-Sixth, Sixty-Seventh, Sixty-Eighth, and Sixty-Ninth Sessions:
- (a) Libya (EC-66/NAT.2, dated 18 July 2011; EC-67/NAT.2, dated 26 October 2011; EC-67/NAT.7, dated 10 January 2012; EC-68/NAT. 3, dated 16 April 2012; and EC-69/NAT.2, dated 18 June 2012);
 - (b) the Russian Federation (EC-66/P/NAT.1, dated 13 July 2011; EC-67/P/NAT.1, dated 20 October 2011; EC-67/P/NAT.2, dated 19 January 2012; EC-68/P/NAT.2, dated 16 April 2012; and EC-69/P/NAT.1, dated 28 June 2012); and

- (c) the United States of America (EC-66/NAT.1, dated 20 July 2011; EC-67/NAT.1, dated 17 October 2011; EC-67/NAT.5, dated 17 January 2012; EC-68/NAT.1, dated 10 April 2012; and EC-69/NAT.1, dated 15 June 2012).
- 2.21 The Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session considered and noted the Director-General's Note (EC-67/P/DG.1, dated 7 February 2012), and approved a decision on the declaration of chemical weapons in Libya not previously declared (EC-67/DEC.9, dated 27 March 2012).
- 2.22 Two Notes by the Secretariat containing an update on issues related to the Libyan chemical weapons stockpile were circulated to the members of the Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session (EC-66/S/2 and EC-66/S/3, both dated 26 August 2011).
- 2.23 Further to a decision by the Conference at its Fourteenth Session (C-14/DEC.3, dated 2 December 2009), a national paper by the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya on the status of its destruction activities (EC-66/NAT.2, dated 18 July 2011) was circulated to the members of the Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session.
- 2.24 Further to a decision by the Council at its Forty-Sixth Session (EC-46/DEC.4, dated 5 July 2006), a national paper by China entitled "Report on the Status of the Chemical Weapons Abandoned by Japan in China" (EC-66/NAT.4, dated 19 July 2011) and a national paper by Japan entitled "The Report on the Current Status of the ACW Projects in China (Reporting Period: From 1 April to 30 June 2011)" (EC-66/NAT.3, dated 20 July 2011) were circulated to the members of the Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session.
- 2.25 At its Sixty-Seventh Session, taking note of the destruction plan jointly reported by Japan and China (EC-67/NAT.11, dated 15 February 2012), the Council considered and adopted the decision proposed by Japan and China on the deadline of 29 April 2012 and future destruction of the chemical weapons abandoned by Japan in China (EC-67/DEC.6, dated 15 February 2012).
- 2.26 At its Sixty-Eighth Session, the Council recalled that, at its Sixteenth Session, the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter "the Conference") adopted a decision on the final extended deadline of 29 April 2012 (C-16/DEC.11, dated 1 December 2011). The Council expressed its concern regarding the Director-General's statement in his report, provided in accordance with paragraph 2 of C-16/DEC.11, that "the three possessor States Parties, namely Libya, the Russian Federation, and the United States of America, have been unable to fully meet the final extended deadline of 29 April 2012 for the destruction of their chemical weapons stockpiles" (EC-68/DG.9, dated 1 May 2012).
- 2.27 At the same Session, the Council noted the Director-General's statement in his report, provided in accordance with paragraph 4 of EC-67/DEC.6 (dated 15 February 2012), that "the deadline for the destruction of ACWs as established by the Council at its Forty-Sixth Session has not been fully met" (EC-68/DG.9). The Council also recalled that it had adopted a decision at its previous session entitled "The Deadline of 29 April 2012 and Future Destruction of Chemical Weapons Abandoned by Japan in the People's Republic of China" (EC-67/DEC.6).

- 2.28 Further, the Council recalled the decision that was adopted at its previous session on the request by Italy for modification of decision EC-48/DEC.2, dated 13 March 2007, concerning the destruction of all its old chemical weapons (EC-67/DEC.8, dated 17 February 2012).

Visits by representatives of the Executive Council to chemical weapons destruction facilities

- 2.29 The Council at its Sixty-Eighth Session considered and noted the report of the visit by the Chairperson of the Council and representatives of the Council to the Kizner chemical weapons destruction facility in the Russian Federation from 19 to 23 March 2012 (EC-68/2, dated 24 April 2012).

Detailed plans for verification of the destruction of chemical weapons

- 2.30 The Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session considered and approved the agreed detailed plan for verification of the destruction (EC-66/DEC.4, dated 5 October 2011) and the arrangement for destruction (EC-66/DEC.5, dated 5 October 2011) at the Haerbaling Abandoned Chemical Weapons Test Destruction Facility of the chemical weapons abandoned by Japan on the territory of the People's Republic of China.
- 2.31 Further to a decision by the Council at its Forty-Sixth Session (EC-46/DEC.4, dated 5 July 2006), a national paper by China entitled "Report on the Status of the Chemical Weapons Abandoned by Japan in China" (EC-68/NAT.5, dated 20 April 2012) and a national paper by Japan entitled "The Report on the Current Status of the ACW Projects in China (reporting on the period from 1 January to 31 March 2012)", (EC-68/NAT.7, dated 20 April 2012) were circulated to the members of the Council at its Sixty-Eighth Session.
- 2.32 Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6, dated 15 February 2012), a national paper by China entitled "Report on the Destruction of the Chemical Weapons Abandoned by Japan in China" (EC-68/NAT.6, dated 20 April 2012) and a national paper by Japan entitled "Report on the Current Status of the ACW Projects in China in Accordance with the Executive Council Decision EC-67/DEC.6 (Reporting Period: 15 February – 15 April 2012)" (EC-68/NAT.8, dated 20 April 2012) were circulated to the members of the Council at its Sixty-Eighth Session.
- 2.33 Pursuant to a decision by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session (C-16/DEC.11), the Council at its Sixty-Eighth Session considered and noted detailed plans for the destruction of remaining chemical weapons:
- (a) by the Russian Federation (EC-68/P/NAT.1, dated 11 April 2012);
 - (b) by the United States of America (EC-68/NAT.2, dated 13 April 2012); and
 - (c) by Libya (EC-68/NAT.4, dated 18 April 2012).
- 2.34 The Council at its Sixty-Eighth Session also reaffirmed that it had adopted a decision at its previous session entitled "The Deadline of 29 April 2012 and Future Destruction

of Chemical Weapons Abandoned by Japan in the People's Republic of China" (EC-67/DEC.6).

- 2.35 At its Sixty-Seventh Session, the Council received a national paper by Italy entitled "Request by Italy for a Modification of Decision EC-48/DEC.2, dated 13 March 2007, Concerning the Destruction of All Its Old Chemical Weapons" (EC-67/NAT.8, dated 10 February 2012). The Council considered and approved a decision on this matter (EC-67/DEC.8, dated 17 February 2012).

Conversion of chemical weapons production facilities

- 2.36 The Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session considered a Note by the Secretariat on a proposal for general guidelines on the nature of continued verification measures at converted chemical weapons production facilities 10 years after the Director-General's certification of their conversion (EC-56/S/3*, dated 14 April 2009), together with a draft decision on the matter (EC-57/DEC/CRP.1, dated 3 June 2009).
- 2.37 The Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session considered a Note by the Secretariat on the nature of continued verification measures at converted chemical weapons production facilities (CWPFs) 10 years after the Director-General's certification of their conversion (EC-67/S/6, dated 16 February 2012), and approved a decision on the matter (EC-67/DEC.7, dated 16 February 2012). The Council concurred with a recommendation that the issue of the nature of continued verification measures at converted CWPFs (item I.7 of EC-67/INF.1) should be considered closed and requiring no further action.
- 2.38 The Council at this same session noted a Note by the Secretariat on the update on progress in converting a former CWPF for purposes not prohibited under the Convention (EC-67/R/S/1, dated 11 January 2012).

Facility agreements

- 2.39 The Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session considered and approved amendments to the agreed detailed plan for verification of the destruction of Category 1 chemical weapons at the chemical weapons destruction facility (CWDF) located at Pohep, Bryanskaya Oblast, the Russian Federation (EC-66/DEC.1, dated 5 October 2011), as well as an amendment to the facility agreement (EC-66/DEC.2, dated 5 October 2011).
- 2.40 Also at its Sixty-Sixth Session, the Council recommended that the Conference at its Sixteenth Session consider the issue of modalities for Schedule 2 facility agreements (item II.6 of EC-66/INF.1) as closed and not requiring any further action (EC-66/DEC.6, dated 5 October 2011).
- 2.41 The Council at its Sixty-Eighth Session noted a Note on amendments, modifications, and updates to the facility agreement with Spain regarding on-site inspections at a Schedule 1 facility for protective purposes (EC-68/S/2, dated 26 March 2012).
- 2.42 The Council at this same session considered and adopted a decision on amendments to the facility agreement with Spain regarding on-site inspections at a

Schedule 1 facility for protective purposes (EC-68/DEC.1, dated 2 May 2012) and approved the amendments contained in EC-68/R/DEC.1 (dated 2 May 2012).

Readiness of the Technical Secretariat to conduct a challenge inspection and an investigation of alleged use

- 2.43 The Council considered and noted a Note by the Director-General reporting on the readiness of the Secretariat to conduct challenge inspections and investigations of alleged use (EC-66/DG.10, dated 8 September 2011).

OPCW Central Analytical Database

- 2.44 The Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session considered a Note by the Director-General on the lists of new validated data for approval by the Council for inclusion in the OPCW Central Analytical Database (OCAD) (EC-67/DG.2, dated 21 November 2011) and adopted a decision on the inclusion (EC-67/DEC.1, dated 15 February 2012).
- 2.45 The Council at its Sixty-Ninth Session considered a Note by the Director-General on the lists of new validated data of scheduled chemicals for approval by the Council for inclusion in the OCAD (EC-69/DG.2, dated 23 May 2012) and adopted a decision on the inclusion (EC-69/DEC.1, dated 11 July 2012).

Status of implementation of Article X

- 2.46 The Council considered and noted a report by the Director-General on the status of implementation of Article X of the Convention as at 31 December 2011 (EC-67/DG.6, dated 20 January 2012 and Corr.1, dated 15 February 2012).

Status of implementation of Article XI

- 2.47 The Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session considered and noted a report by the Director-General on the status of implementation of Article XI of the Convention as at 31 December 2011 (EC-67/DG.3, dated 6 January 2012).
- 2.48 At its Thirty-First meeting, the Council considered and approved a decision on components of an agreed framework for the full implementation of Article XI, and forwarded the recommendations contained therein to the Conference for consideration at its Sixteenth Session (EC-M-31/DEC.4, dated 30 November 2011).

The OPCW's contribution to global anti-terrorism efforts

- 2.49 The Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session noted a Note by the Director-General on the status of the OPCW's contribution to global anti-terrorism efforts (EC-67/DG.9, dated 7 February 2012).

The OPCW's Programme to Strengthen Cooperation with Africa on the Chemical Weapons Convention

- 2.50 At its Sixty-Sixth Session, the Council considered and noted a Note on the OPCW Programme for Africa (EC-66/DG.13 C-16/DG.14, dated 20 September 2011).

Establishment of an open-ended working group for preparations for the Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention

- 2.51 The Conference at its Sixteenth Session recommended that the Council establish an open-ended working group to begin preparations, in cooperation with the Secretariat, for the Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Third Review Conference”) (paragraph 21.1 of C-16/5, dated 2 December 2011), to be convened in accordance with paragraph 22 of Article VIII of the Convention.
- 2.52 The Council at its Sixty-Eighth Session decided to establish the Bureau of the open-ended working group and agreed on the following nominations for the Bureau: H.E. Mrs Nassima Baghli of Algeria (African Group) as Chairperson, and of H.E. Mrs Mary Whelan of Ireland (WEOG), H.E. Mr Kazem Gharib Abadi of the Islamic Republic of Iran (Asia Group), and H.E. Mr Roman Kolodkin of the Russian Federation (Eastern European Group) as Vice-Chairpersons of the open ended working group. The GRULAC coordinator announced the withdrawal of its candidate and stated that it will submit the name of its nominee at a later stage. Subsequently, the GRULAC nominated H.E. Mr Álvaro Moerzinger of Uruguay as a member of the Bureau.
- 2.53 The Council at its Sixty-Eighth Session received a briefing from the Chairperson of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) for the Preparation of the Third Review Conference, Ambassador Nassima Baghli of Algeria, on the progress made by the Group.
- 2.54 At this same session, the Council agreed that in its future sessions, the Chairperson of the OEWG would brief the Council under a separate agenda item.
- 2.55 The working group and the Bureau will be guided by the following understandings:
- (a) The working group will decide on all matters regarding its agenda, as well as the content, format, and status of its final document(s).
 - (b) The Bureau members, as a management team, will help steer the work of the working group, and to that end they will meet at regular intervals.
 - (c) Decision-making by consensus shall be the objective of the working group.
 - (d) Active and broad participation of the States Parties in the deliberations and proceedings of the working group shall be encouraged. For that purpose, the programme of meetings of the working group should be arranged so as to facilitate, where they wish, the involvement of representatives from capitals.
- 2.56 The Council also decided that the practice of rotation will apply to the nominations of the Chairperson of the Bureau of future open-ended working groups for Special Sessions of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Administrative and financial matters

Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2012, and all items pertaining to this Budget

- 2.57 The Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session received the Medium-Term Plan for the period from 2012 to 2014 (EC-66/S/1 C-16/S/1, dated 8 July 2011 and Corr.1, dated 30 September 2011).
- 2.58 At its Thirty-First Meeting, having considered at its Sixty-Sixth Session the Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2012, which the Director-General had submitted to the Council in accordance with Financial Regulation 3.4, (EC-66/CRP.1/Rev.1, dated 3 October 2011), the Council considered it further and transmitted it to the Conference at its Sixteenth Session, together with its comments and recommendations (EC-M-31/DEC.5, dated 1 December 2011).

OPCW income and expenditure

- 2.59 The Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session considered and forwarded to the Conference at its Sixteenth Session a report by the Director-General on OPCW income and expenditure for the financial year to 30 June 2011 (EC-66/DG.2 C-16/DG.6, dated 19 July 2011).
- 2.60 The Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session also considered and forwarded to the Conference at its Sixteenth Session a Note by the Director-General on the cash situation and the use of the Working Capital Fund for the financial year to 31 August 2011 (EC-66/DG.12 C-16/DG.13, dated 15 September 2011).
- 2.61 The Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session noted the Note by the Director-General on the transfer of funds during 2011 and concurred on the proposal contained therein (EC-66/DG.17, 30 September 2011).
- 2.62 The Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session noted a report by the Director-General on OPCW income and expenditure for the financial year to 30 September 2011 (EC-67/DG.1, dated 1 November 2011).
- 2.63 The Council at this same session noted a report by the Director-General on OPCW income and expenditure for the financial year to 31 December 2011 (EC-67/DG.10, dated 8 February 2012).

Status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans to regularise the payment of their outstanding annual contributions

- 2.64 Further to a decision of the Conference at its Eleventh Session (C-11/DEC.5, dated 7 December 2006), the Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session considered and forwarded to the Conference at its Sixteenth Session a Note by the Director-General on the status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans (EC-66/DG.5 C-16/DG.9, dated 4 August 2011).
- 2.65 At its Thirty-First Meeting, the Council considered and noted a Note by the Director-General on a proposal by Uzbekistan for a multi-year payment plan to

regularise the payment of its outstanding annual contributions (EC-M-31/DG.1, dated 28 October 2011). The Council forwarded a recommendation on this matter to the Conference for consideration at its Sixteenth Session (EC-M-31/DEC.1, dated 23 November 2011).

Transfer of funds between programmes

- 2.66 The Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session noted a Note by the Director-General on transfers of funds during 2011 (EC-67/DG.12 C-17/DG.2, dated 10 February 2012).

Financial Regulations and Rules of the OPCW

- 2.67 The Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session considered the Note by the Director-General on the proposed amendments to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the OPCW and recommended that the Conference at its Sixteenth Session approve the proposals contained therein (EC-66/DG.4/Rev.1 C-16/DG.8/Rev.1, dated 14 September 2011).

Report of the Executive Council on the performance of its activities

- 2.68 The Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session considered and approved a report on the performance of its activities in the period from 3 July 2010 to 15 July 2011 (EC-66/3 C-16/2, dated 5 October 2011), and submitted it to the Conference for consideration at its Sixteenth Session.

Personnel matters

Adjustment to the Director-General's gross salary

- 2.69 In accordance with a decision of the Conference at its First Special Session (C-SS-1/DEC.4, dated 25 July 2002) stipulating that the terms of appointment of the Director-General shall be subject to adjustments by the Council to keep the terms in line with those of other executive heads within the United Nations system, the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session approved a decision adjusting the Director-General's gross salary (EC-67/DEC.2, dated 15 February 2012).

Composition of the Technical Secretariat

- 2.70 The Council at its Sixty-Ninth Session noted a report by the Director-General on the composition of the Secretariat (EC-69/DG.3, dated 31 May 2012).

Implementation of the policy on tenure

- 2.71 The Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session considered and noted a Note by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy: the impact on turnover and on financial costs to the OPCW (EC-66/DG.11, dated 14 September 2011).
- 2.72 At its Thirty-First Meeting, the Council considered and approved a draft decision on future implementation of the tenure policy of the OPCW (EC-M-31/DEC.2, dated 24 November 2011).

- 2.73 The Council at its Sixty-Ninth Session considered and noted a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2011 (EC-69/DG.6, dated 14 June 2012).

Availability of official-series documents on the OPCW website

- 2.74 The Council at its Sixty-Eighth Session noted the Note by the Director-General on the availability of official-series documents on the OPCW website (EC-XVII/DG.1/Rev.2, dated 20 April 2012).

3. OTHER DECISIONS AND ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Reports on the implementation of the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight and of the External Auditor

- 3.1 The Council at its Sixty-Seventh and Sixty-Ninth Sessions considered and noted the Notes by the Secretariat on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor (EC-67/S/3, dated 6 February 2012; and EC-69/S/1, dated 4 June 2012).
- 3.2 The Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session noted the Financial Statements of the OPCW and the report of the External Auditor for the year ending 31 December 2010 (EC-66/DG.1 C-16/DG.5, dated 21 June 2011) and forwarded them to the Conference for consideration at its Sixteenth Session.
- 3.3 The Council at its Sixty-Ninth Session noted a report by the Director-General on the implementation in 2011 of the recommendations contained in the 2010 annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight (OIO) (EC-68/DG.2, dated 28 March 2012).

Status report on the Verification Information System

- 3.4 The Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session noted a status report on the Verification Information System (EC-67/S/2, dated 25 January 2012).

4. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES AT ITS SIXTEENTH SESSION

Fostering of international cooperation for peaceful purposes in the field of chemical activities

- 4.1 The Conference at its Sixteenth Session welcomed the decision (C-16/DEC.10, dated 1 December 2011) on Article XI of the Convention, that identified components of an agreed framework for the full implementation of this article, and requested the Council to continue its facilitation process in order to deliberate and explore as appropriate, additional measures within the agreed framework to ensure the full, effective, and non-discriminatory implementation of all provisions of Article XI.

Establishment of the Open-Ended Working Group for the preparation of the Third Review Conference

- 4.2 The Conference recommended that the Council establish an open-ended working group to begin preparations, in cooperation with the Secretariat, for the Third Review Conference, which will be convened in accordance with paragraph 22 of Article VIII of the Convention.

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION OR ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES AT ITS SEVENTEENTH SESSION²

Draft report of the OPCW for 2011

The Council considered the “Draft Report of the OPCW on the Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction in 2011” (EC-69/3 C-17/CRP.1.), and forwarded it to the Conference for consideration at its Seventeenth Session. The Secretariat took note of the comments made by some delegations and undertook to issue a corrigendum.

6. MATTERS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- 6.1 The Council’s Open-Ended Working Group on Terrorism continued its work.
- 6.2 The Council kept under its consideration the matter of issues relating to the improvement of the methodology of its work.
- 6.3 The following is a list of other matters that were under consideration by the Council at the end of the reporting period:

Chemical weapons issues

- (a) general and annual plans for the destruction of CWPFs, annual reports on destruction, and detailed and combined plans for the conversion of CWPFs;
- (b) the meaning of “primarily for the development of chemical weapons”, declaration criteria for former chemical weapons development facilities (facilities designed, constructed, or used since 1 January 1946 primarily for the development of chemical weapons);
- (c) old and abandoned chemical weapons (OACWs):
 - (i) guidelines for determining the usability of chemical weapons produced between 1925 and 1946;
 - (ii) destruction and verification requirements for OACWs;

² This section includes only those matters that were forwarded by the Council to the Conference within the period covered by this report, that is, from 16 July 2011 to 13 July 2012.

- (iii) draft section E of the Declarations Handbook, “Old Chemical Weapons before 1925”;
- (iv) draft section G of the Declarations Handbook, “Abandoned Chemical Weapons”;
- (v) new discoveries of old chemical weapons (OCWs); and
- (vi) the attribution of costs related to inspections of OCWs;
- (d) general and annual plans for the destruction of chemical weapons and annual reports on destruction;
- (e) reports on progress in meeting revised deadlines for the destruction of chemical weapons;
- (f) assistance and protection against chemical weapons;
- (g) guidelines for determining the frequency of systematic on-site inspections of CWPFs;
- (h) criteria for toxicity and corrosiveness and, if applicable, other technical factors to be taken into account in regard to the conversion of CWPFs;
- (i) consideration of developments in relation to additional chemicals that may be relevant to the Convention, and the assessment, inter alia, of whether these compounds should be considered in the context of the schedules of chemicals;
- (j) the status of conversion of former CWPFs for purposes not prohibited under the Convention, and a plan for verification measures for such converted facilities; and
- (k) quality review of the verification of chemical weapons stockpiles, as well as of their destruction and its effectiveness;

Chemical-industry and other Article VI issues

- (l) recommendations of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB):
 - (i) scope of the definition of “production by synthesis” under Part IX of the Verification Annex with respect to biochemical and biologically mediated processes; and
 - (ii) developments in science and technology since the First Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention;
- (m) industry declaration issues:
 - (i) harmonisation of the reporting of aggregate national data (AND) on the production of Schedule 3 chemicals;

- (ii) past Schedule 1 production above one metric tonne per year for purposes not prohibited under the Convention;
- (iii) transfer discrepancies;
- (iv) the implementation of section B of Part IX of the Verification Annex;
- (v) Enhancement of other chemical production facility declarations
- (vi) understanding on access to records during Schedule 2, Schedule 3, and discrete organic chemical/phosphorus, sulfur, and fluorine (DOC/PSF) plant-site inspections;
- (vii) assessment of the risk posed by Schedule 2 plant sites to the object and purpose of the Convention;
- (viii) the frequency of inspections at Schedule 1 facilities;
- (ix) consideration of the need to establish other measures regarding transfers of Schedule 3 chemicals to States not Party under paragraph 27 of Part VIII of the Verification Annex;
- (x) guidelines for the number, intensity, duration, timing, and mode of inspections of single small-scale Schedule 1 facilities;
- (xi) guidelines for the number, intensity, duration, timing, and mode of inspections for other Schedule 1 facilities;
- (xii) improvements in the submission and handling of industry declarations;
- (xiii) refinements in the conduct of inspections to improve the consistency, effectiveness, and efficiency of industry inspections; and
- (xiv) late submission of declarations;

Administrative and financial issues

- (n) confidentiality issues:
 - (i) possible national jurisdiction after national immunity is waived;
 - (ii) the application of national jurisdiction; and
 - (iii) compensation for losses caused by breaches of confidentiality;
- (o) the Draft OPCW Programme and Budget for 2013;
- (p) the Draft Medium-Term Plan;
- (q) the OPCW Interim Staff Rules and amendments to Staff Regulation 3.3;
- (r) classification of posts;

- (s) reports on the implementation of the recommendations of the OIO and of the External Auditor;
- (t) report of the External Auditor on the Financial Statements of the OPCW;
- (u) report of the OIO; and
- (v) guidelines regarding the long-term handling of confidential information;

Legal, organisational, and other issues

- (w) the full implementation of Article XI of the Convention;
- (x) challenge inspections:
 - (i) further operational requirements for equipment in challenge inspections;
 - (ii) costs associated with the abuse of challenge inspections;
 - (iii) the timing of notifications in connection with challenge inspections;
 - (iv) lists of activities and elements of preliminary factual findings and final inspection reports; and
 - (v) consequences of abusing the right to a challenge inspection;
- (y) sampling procedures;
- (z) optimisation of verification activities and their effectiveness;
- (aa) memorandum of understanding between the OPCW and the World Customs Organization (WCO);
- (bb) verification-implementation reports;
- (cc) guidelines for on-site monitoring instruments;
- (dd) progress reports on the implementation of the plan of action regarding the implementation of Article VII obligations;
- (ee) further development of international-cooperation programmes after an evaluation of their effectiveness and with a view to maximising resource use; and
- (ff) the progress report on the implementation of the action plan for the universality of the Convention.

7. REPORTS TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Reports of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters

- 7.1 The Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session considered and noted the report of the Thirty-First Session of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters

(ABAF), which took place from 5 to 8 September 2011 (ABAF-31/1, dated 8 September 2011), and a Note by the Director-General containing comments on the report of the ABAF at that session (EC-66/DG.15, dated 27 September 2011).

- 7.2 The Council at its Sixty-Ninth Session endorsed the recommendations, proposals, and other comments as contained in the Report of the Thirty-Second Session of the ABAF (ABAF-32/1, dated 7 June 2012) and approved the recommendation, as contained in paragraph 4.2 of the report, to encourage Member States that are in arrears in respect of annual contributions assessed for previous years in an amount equal to or exceeding the amount of contributions due from them for 2010 and 2011 to regularise the payment of their outstanding annual contributions, if necessary by making use of the multi-year payment plans developed to that end, which had been approved by the Conference at its Eleventh Session (C-11/DEC.5, dated 7 December 2006). The Council noted a Note by the Director-General containing comments on the report of the ABAF at that session (EC-69/DG.8, dated 29 June 2012).

Appointments to the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters

- 7.3 The Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session noted two Notes by the Secretariat on nominations for membership of the ABAF (EC-66/S/7, dated 27 September 2011 and EC-66/S/9, dated 5 October 2011).
- 7.4 The Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session approved the appointment of Mr Mahmoud Esfahaninejad to the ABAF, retroactive to 21 January 2012, the date of his letter of nomination (EC-67/S/4, dated 8 February 2012).
- 7.5 The Council at this same session approved the appointment of Mr Vladimir Alekseevitch Iosifov to the ABAF, retroactive to 9 February 2012, the date of his letter of nomination (EC-67/S/5, dated 14 February 2012).
- 7.6 The Council at its Sixty-Ninth Session noted a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the ABAF (EC-69/S/3, dated 29 June 2012), and approved the appointment of Ms Sakiko Hayakawa of Japan for a second term.

Report of the Scientific Advisory Board

- 7.7 The report of the Seventeenth Session of the SAB (SAB-17/1, dated 23 November 2011) was circulated to the members of the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session, as was a Note by the Director-General in response to the report of the Seventeenth Session of the SAB (EC-67/DG.11, dated 9 February 2012).
- 7.8 The report of the Eighteenth Session of the SAB (SAB-18/1, dated 19 April 2012) was circulated to the members of the Council at its Sixty-Ninth Session, as was a Note by the Director-General in response to the report of the Eighteenth Session of the SAB (EC-69/DG.5, dated 11 June 2012).

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight for 2010

- 7.9 Further to its consideration of this issue at its previous session, the Council at its Sixty-Ninth Session considered and noted the annual report of the OIO for the period

from 1 January to 31 December 2011 and an accompanying Note by the Director-General (EC-68/DG.1 C-17/DG.3, dated 20 March 2012), which the Director-General had submitted to the Council in accordance with Regulation 12.5 of the OPCW Financial Regulations. The Council transmitted this report, and the Director-General's covering Note, to the Conference for consideration at its Seventeenth Session.

Report of the Security Audit and Assessment Team

- 7.10 The Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session noted a Note by the Director-General on the report of the Security Audit and Assessment Team (EC-67/DG.5, dated 19 January 2012).

Report by the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

- 7.11 At its Eleventh Session, the Conference adopted a decision establishing a Committee on Relations with the Host Country (hereinafter "the Host Country Committee") (C-11/DEC.9, dated 7 December 2006). The Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session considered and noted a report by the Host Country Committee on the performance of its activities from October 2010 to September 2011, and submitted it to the Conference for consideration at its Sixteenth Session (EC-66/HCC/1 C-16/HCC/1, dated 4 October 2011).
- 7.12 At its Sixty-Eighth Session, the Council agreed that, as a general principle, there should be at least two meetings per year of the Host Country Committee.

Annex:

Actions Taken by the Conference of the States Parties at its Sixteenth Session in Response to Recommendations Made by the Executive Council in the Period Prior to that Session

Attachment

NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT³

**THE DESTRUCTION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS ABANDONED BY JAPAN IN
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

1. Decision (EC-67/DEC.6, dated 15 February 2012)

The decision entitled “The Deadline of 29 April 2012 and Future Destruction of the Chemical Weapons Abandoned By Japan in the People’s Republic of China” (EC-67/DEC.6, dated 15 February 2012), in which it reads in O.P.8, “Recommends the Conference of States Parties to take note of annual reports of the Council concerning the progress made for the destruction of abandoned chemical weapons from a viewpoint of facilitating the destruction;...”

2. Progress made for the Destruction of Abandoned Chemical Weapons

As at 15 June 2012, 47,516 items of ACWs have been found in over 70 sites within China and has been declared. This figure includes those items which have already been destroyed. (Quoted from EC-69/DG.9/Rev.1)

As at 29 June 2012, the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) had verified the destruction at the Nanjing Mobile Destruction Facility (MDF) of 35,681 items of ACWs. This figure accounts for all items of ACWs that were declared at Nanjing, and also those items transferred to Nanjing for destruction from surrounding locations. (Quoted from EC-69/DG.9/Rev.1)

The destruction of chemical weapons abandoned by Japan on the territory of China is scheduled to continue on the basis of the destruction plan jointly reported to the Council by China and Japan (EC-67/NAT.11, dated 15 February 2012), which includes timeframes for destruction of these ACWs by Japan, with appropriate cooperation from China. (Quoted from EC-69/DG.9/Rev.1)

3. Activities of the Council

Taking note of the destruction plan jointly reported by Japan and China (EC-67/NAT.11, dated 15 February 2012), the Council considered and adopted the decision proposed by Japan and China on the deadline of 29 April 2012 and future destruction of the chemical weapons abandoned by Japan in China (EC-67/DEC.6, dated 15 February 2012). (Quoted from EC-67/3)

The Council also reaffirmed that it had adopted a decision at its previous session entitled “The Deadline of 29 April 2012 and Future Destruction of Chemical

³ Attached pursuant to paragraph 9.2 of the Report of the Executive Council at its Seventieth Session (EC-70/5, dated 28 September 2012)

Weapons Abandoned by Japan in the People's Republic of China" (EC-67/DEC.6). (Quoted from EC-68/3)

The Council noted the Director-General's statement in his report, provided in accordance with paragraph 4 of EC-67/DEC.6 (dated 15 February 2012), that "the deadline for the destruction of ACWs as established by the Council at its Forty-Sixth Session has not been fully met" (EC-68/DG.9). The Council also recalled that it had adopted a decision at its previous session entitled "The Deadline of 29 April 2012 and Future Destruction of Chemical Weapons Abandoned by Japan in the People's Republic of China" (EC-67/DEC.6). (Quoted from EC-68/3)

While welcoming the completion of the destruction of all the 35,681 ACW items in Nanjing, the Council considered and decided to remain seized of the matter, and requested the relevant States Parties to take measures to implement the destruction plan. Both States Parties reaffirmed their commitment to the above-mentioned decision. (Quoted from EC-69/4)

Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session entitled "The Deadline of 29 April 2012 and Future Destruction of the Chemical Weapons Abandoned by Japan in the People's Republic of China" (EC-67/DEC.6), the Council noted a report by the Director-General on the overall progress of the destruction of abandoned chemical weapons (EC-68/DG.6, dated 26 April 2012). (Quoted from EC-68/3)

Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6, dated 15 February 2012), the Council noted a report by the Director-General on the overall progress of the destruction of abandoned chemical weapons (EC-69/DG.9/Rev.1, dated 13 July 2012). (Quoted from EC-69/4)

4. Reference documents

- (a) "The deadline of 29 April 2012 and future destruction of the chemical weapons abandoned by Japan in the People's Republic of China" (EC-67/DEC.6)
- (b) National papers
 - (i) China (EC-66/NAT.4, dated 10 July 2011; EC-67/NAT.3*, dated 20 October 2011; EC-67/NAT.9, dated 20 January 2012; EC-67/NAT.11, dated 15 February 2012; EC-68/NAT.5, dated 20 April 2012; EC-68/NAT.6, dated 20 April 2012; and EC-69/NAT.4, dated 20 June 2012); and
 - (ii) Japan (EC-66/NAT.3, dated 20 July 2011; EC-67/NAT.4, dated 20 October 2011; EC-67/NAT.6, dated 20 January 2012; EC-67/NAT.11, dated 15 February 2012; EC-68/NAT.7, dated 20 April 2012; EC-68/NAT.8, dated 20 April 2012; EC-69/NAT.5, dated 20 June 2012 and Corr.1, dated 10 July 2012).

- (c) Other relevant documents
 - (i) Statement by the Director-General (EC-68/DG.9); and
 - (ii) Reports by the Director-General (EC-68/DG.6, dated 26 April 2012, EC-69/DG.9/Rev.1, dated 13 July 2012); and
 - (iii) Agreed detailed plan for verification of the destruction (EC-66/DEC.4, dated 5 October 2011); and
 - (iv) Arrangement for destruction (EC-66/DEC.5, dated 5 October 2011).

Annex

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES AT ITS SIXTEENTH SESSION IN RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN THE PERIOD PRIOR TO THAT SESSION

Issues related to meeting the final extended deadline and other destruction-related issues

1. Pursuant to a recommendation by the Council at its Thirty-First Meeting, the Conference considered and adopted, by voting, the decision regarding the final extended deadline of 29 April 2012 (C-16/DEC.11, dated 1 December 2011), with the voting result of 101 for and one against the decision⁴.

Extension of deadline for the destruction of category 1 chemical weapon stockpile

2. The Conference considered and adopted a decision on the extension of the final deadline for the destruction by Libya of its Category 1 chemical weapons (C-16/DEC.3, dated 29 November 2011).

Modalities for Schedule 2 facility agreements

3. Pursuant to the recommendation by the Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session, the Conference considered the issue of modalities for Schedule 2 facility agreements as closed and not requiring any further action (C-16/DEC.4, dated 29 November 2011).

Progress report on the implementation of the plan of action regarding the implementation of Article VII obligations

4. Further to a decision by the Conference at its Fourteenth Session regarding the implementation of Article VII obligations (C-14/DEC.12, dated 4 December 2009), the Conference considered and noted the report by the Director-General on the "Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 29 July 2011: Article VII(1)(a) to (c) and Other Obligations" (EC-66/DG.7 C-16/DG.10, dated 29 August 2011); the report by the Director General on the "Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 29 July 2011: Further Obligations Pursuant to Article VII" (EC-66/DG.8 C-16/DG.11, dated 29 August 2011 and Corr.1, dated 4 November 2011); and the Note by the Director General on the "Overview of the Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at

⁴ The Draft Decision was approved with 39 votes for (Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Libya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America), and one vote against (Islamic Republic of Iran). One delegation was absent (Namibia).

29 July 2011” (EC-66/DG.9 C-16/DG.12, dated 29 August 2011 and Corr.1, dated 4 November 2011).

Implementation of Article X

5. The Conference considered the text transmitted by the Council at its Thirty-First Meeting, through its Chairperson, and adopted a decision on the establishment of the International Support Network for Victims of Chemical Weapons and on the establishment of a voluntary Trust Fund for this purpose (C-16/DEC.13, dated 2 December 2011).

Fostering of international cooperation for peaceful purposes in the field of chemical activities

6. Pursuant to the recommendation by the Council at its Thirty-First Meeting, the Conference considered and adopted the decision on the components of an agreed framework for the full implementation of Article XI (C-16/DEC.10, dated 1 December 2011).
7. Pursuant to previous decisions of the Conference, and according to the outcome of the workshop on Article XI held in November 2010, the Conference noted the progress achieved at informal consultations to develop concrete measures within an agreed framework to ensure the full, effective, and non-discriminatory implementation of Article XI.
8. The Conference welcomed the decision (C-16/DEC.10) on Article XI of the Convention, that identified components of an agreed framework for the full implementation of this article, and requested the Council to continue its facilitation process in order to deliberate and explore as appropriate, additional measures within the agreed framework to ensure the full, effective, and non-discriminatory implementation of all provisions of Article XI.

Annual report of the Executive Council on the performance of its activities in the period from 3 July 2010 to 15 July 2011

9. The Conference noted the report of the Council on the performance of its activities in the period from 3 July 2010 to 15 July 2011 (EC-66/3 C-16/2, dated 5 October 2011). The report was introduced by the Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Peter Goosen of South Africa, who also briefed the Conference on the developments that had taken place since the cut-off date for the report.

Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2012, submitted by the Executive Council, and all items pertaining to this Budget

10. In accordance with subparagraph 21(a) of Article VIII of the Convention, and pursuant to Financial Regulation 3.6(a), the Conference considered and adopted the Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2012, which the Council had submitted to it (C-16/DEC.12, dated 2 December 2011).

11. The Medium-Term Plan for the period from 2012 to 2014 (EC-66/S/1 C-16/S/1, dated 8 July 2011 and Corr.1, dated 30 September 2011) had been circulated to the Member States, along with the Draft Programme and Budget for 2012.

OPCW income and expenditure for the financial year to 30 June 2011; and the cash situation and the use of the Working Capital Fund for the financial year to 31 August 2011

12. The Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session considered and forwarded to the Conference a report by the Director-General on OPCW income and expenditure for the financial year to 30 June 2011 (EC-66/DG.2 C-16/DG.6, dated 19 July 2011). The Conference noted this report.
13. The Council considered and forwarded to the Conference at its Sixteenth Session a Note by the Director-General on the cash situation and the use of the Working Capital Fund for the financial year to 31 August 2011 (EC-66/DG.12 C-16/DG.13, dated 15 September 2011). The Conference noted this Note.

Status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans to regularise the payment of their outstanding annual contributions

14. Pursuant to the recommendation made by the Council at its Thirty-First meeting, the Conference considered and approved the proposal from Uzbekistan for a multi-year payment plan to regularise the payment of its outstanding annual contributions (C-16/DEC.6*, dated 30 November 2011).

Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the OPCW

15. Pursuant to the recommendation by the Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session contained in the Note by the Director-General on proposed amendments to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the OPCW (EC-66/DG.4/Rev.1 C-16/DG.8/Rev.1, dated 14 September 2011), the Conference approved the proposals contained therein (C-16/DEC.7, dated 30 November 2011).

Recommendation for write-offs of irrecoverable accounts receivable and of losses of assets

16. Pursuant to the recommendation by the Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session contained in the Note by the Director-General on the recommendation for write-offs of irrecoverable accounts receivable and of losses of assets, the Conference approved these write-offs, totalling EUR 125,630.88 (C-16/DEC.8, dated 30 November 2011).

Tenure policy of the OPCW

17. Pursuant to the recommendation by the Council at its Thirty-First Meeting, the Conference considered and adopted a decision on the future implementation of the tenure policy of the OPCW (C-16/DEC.9, dated 30 November 2011).