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FOR THE NINETEENTH SESSION
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This revised annotated provisional agenda has been prepared by the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) to guide and assist Member States in their substantive preparations for the Nineteenth Session of the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”). It lists the items of business for the session in the sequence in which they appear in the provisional agenda set out for it (see paragraph 4 below) (C-19/1, dated 11 July 2014).

1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the session

The Conference at its Sixteenth Session decided to hold its Nineteenth Session from 1 to 5 December 2014 (paragraph 21.2 of C-16/5, dated 2 December 2011). The Nineteenth Session will open on 1 December 2014 at 10:00 in the World Forum Theater in the World Forum. The Chairperson of the Conference for its Eighteenth Session, Ambassador Dr Sa’ad Abdul Majeed Ibrahim Al-Ali of Iraq, will open the Nineteenth Session.

2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Election of the Chairperson

Paragraph 15 of Article VIII of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) provides, inter alia, that the Conference shall elect its Chairperson at the beginning of each regular session, and that the Chairperson shall hold office until a new Chairperson is elected at the next regular session.

3. AGENDA ITEM THREE – Election of Vice-Chairpersons and other officers

According to Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, the Conference shall elect 10 Vice-Chairpersons of the Conference, the Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole, and such other officers as it may decide to elect, having due regard to equitable geographical representation. Rule 35 states that such officers of the Conference shall hold office until their successors are elected at its next regular session.

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4. AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Adoption of the agenda

According to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, any request for the inclusion in the agenda of supplementary items must be received not later than 30 days before the date set for the opening of any regular session. Because the Director-General had received no such request by 1 November 2014, the Conference is **requested**, subject to the recommendation of the General Committee, to approve the following agenda, which was circulated in C-19/1.

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AGENDA ITEM TWO – Election of the Chairperson

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AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Adoption of the agenda

AGENDA ITEM FIVE – Organisation of work and establishment of subsidiary bodies

AGENDA ITEM SIX – Appointment of the Credentials Committee

AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Statement by the Director-General

AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – General debate

AGENDA ITEM NINE – Status of implementation of the Convention

AGENDA ITEM TEN – Annual report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Convention in 2013

AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Annual report of the Executive Council on the performance of its activities for the period from 20 July 2013 to 11 July 2014

AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – Election of Member States to membership in the Executive Council

AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2015, submitted by the Executive Council, and all items pertaining to this Budget

AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Scale of assessments for 2015

AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – External Auditor's report on the audited Financial Statements of the OPCW and the Provident Fund for 2013

AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Appointment of the External Auditor

AGENDA ITEM SEVENTEEN – Administrative and financial matters

AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN – Fostering of international cooperation for peaceful purposes in the field of chemical activities

AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN – Ensuring the universality of the Convention

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY – The OPCW Programme for Africa

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-ONE – Reports of subsidiary bodies

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-TWO – Follow-up to the Third Review Conference²

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-THREE – Any other business

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-FOUR – Adoption of the report of the Conference of the States Parties

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-FIVE – Closure

5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – Organisation of work and establishment of subsidiary bodies

The Conference is **requested** to consider such recommendations as the General Committee may make to it in accordance with Rule 43(b) of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, and to take such action as it deems appropriate.

6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – Appointment of the Credentials Committee

Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference provides that a Credentials Committee shall be appointed at the beginning of each session of the Conference; that it shall consist of 10 members, who shall be appointed by the Conference on the proposal of its Chairperson; that it shall elect its own officers; and that it shall examine the credentials of all representatives and report without delay to the Conference.

7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Statement by the Director-General

The Conference is **requested** to note the opening statement by the Director-General to the Conference (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – General debate

Detailed information concerning statements in the general debate is contained in paragraph 8 of the information handbook on the Nineteenth Session of the Conference, which has been made available to all delegations. Delegations wishing to make a statement in a language other than the six official languages of the OPCW are required to provide their own interpretation into one of the official languages.

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Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

To facilitate interpretation, at least 10 copies of each statement must be made available before it is delivered. Delegations wishing their statements to be made available to other delegations are requested to provide the Secretariat with at least 300 copies before the statement is delivered.

9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – Status of implementation of the Convention

Subitem 9(a): Progress report on the implementation of the plan of action regarding the implementation of Article VII obligations

9.1 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 is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Director-General on the “Overview of the Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2014” (EC-77/DG.5 C-19/DG.6, dated 13 May 2014 and Corr.1, dated 9 October 2014); a report by the Director-General on the “Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2014: Article VII – Initial Measures” (EC-77/DG.6 C-19/DG.7, dated 13 May 2014 and Corr.1, dated 9 October 2014); and a report by the Director-General entitled “Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2014: Additional Measures for States Parties that Possess Industrial Facilities Which Are Declarable Under the Convention” (EC-77/DG.7 C-19/DG.8, dated 13 May 2014 and Corr.1, dated 9 October 2014).

Subitem 9(b): Implementation of the regime governing the handling of confidential information by the Technical Secretariat in 2013

9.2 The Conference is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the regime governing the handling of confidential information by the Secretariat in 2013 (EC-75/DG.9 C-19/DG.2, dated 28 February 2014).

Subitem 9(c): Implementation of the Conference of the States Parties and Executive Council decisions on destruction-related issues

9.3 Pursuant to a decision by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session (subparagraph 3(f) of C-16/DEC.11, dated 1 December 2011), the Conference is **requested** to undertake an annual review of the implementation of this decision at a specially designated meeting(s) of the Conference.

9.4 Pursuant to the provisions of the same subparagraph of the above-mentioned decision by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session, each possessor State concerned is to provide an annual report to the Conference, and provide an annual briefing at a closed meeting of the Conference, on the progress in the destruction of its remaining stockpiles of chemical weapons and identifying progress made since the last briefing in order to meet planned completion date. These reports, and briefings, are to also include:

(a) Reporting on any specific measures undertaken to overcome problems in the destruction programmes.

- (b) Information on the projected schedule for destruction activities to meet the planned completion date.

9.5 Further to the same decision by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session (subparagraph 3(g) of C-16/DEC.11), the Director-General is to provide an annual written report to the Conference on the overall destruction progress by the possessor States concerned that is based on the independent information that is received by the Secretariat from the Organisation's inspectors undertaking verification in accordance with Part IV(A) D of the Verification Annex to the Convention and that is to include information on:

- (a) The progress achieved to meet the planned completion date(s).
- (b) The effectiveness of any specific measures that have been undertaken to overcome problems in the destruction programmes.

10. AGENDA ITEM TEN – Annual report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Convention in 2013

The Conference is **requested** to consider and approve the draft report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Convention in 2013 (EC-76/5 C-19/CRP.1, dated 11 July 2014), which was considered and forwarded to it by the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) at its Seventy-Sixth Session (paragraph 9 of EC-76/6, dated 11 July 2014).

11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Annual report of the Executive Council on the performance of its activities for the period from 20 July 2013 to 11 July 2014

The Conference is **requested** to note the report of the Council on the performance of its activities for the period from 20 July 2013 to 11 July 2014, its Attachment, entitled “Note by the Technical Secretariat: The Destruction of Chemical Weapons Abandoned by Japan in the People’s Republic of China”, and its Annex, entitled “Actions Taken by the Conference of the States Parties at its Eighteenth Session in Response to Recommendations Made by the Executive Council” (EC-77/3 C-19/2, dated 9 October 2014). The report will be introduced by the Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Álvaro Moerzinger of Uruguay, who will also brief the Conference on any developments that have taken place since the cut-off date for the report.

12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – Election of Member States to membership in the Executive Council

In accordance with paragraph 23 of Article VIII of the Convention and with Rule 83 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, the Conference is **requested** to elect 21 members to serve on the Council for a term of two years, starting on 12 May 2015. To ensure that the Council is constituted in accordance with paragraph 23 of Article VIII, the regional distribution of the elective places to be filled is to be as follows:

Africa:	five elective places
Asia:	six elective places
Eastern Europe:	two elective places
Latin America and the Caribbean:	three elective places
Western Europe and other States:	five elective places

13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2015, submitted by the Executive Council, and all items pertaining to this Budget

- 13.1 The Conference is **requested**, pursuant to Financial Regulation 3.6(a), and the recommendation of the Council at its Seventy-Seventh Session (EC-77/DEC.4*, dated 9 October 2014), to consider and adopt a decision on the OPCW Draft Programme and Budget for 2015 based on recommendations forwarded to it by the Council at its Seventy-Seventh Session (C-19/DEC/CRP.5, dated 27 October 2014).
- 13.2 The Medium-Term Plan for the period from 2015 to 2019 (EC-77/S/1/ C-19/S/1, dated 23 April 2014) has been circulated to the Member States, along with the Draft Programme and Budget for 2015 (C-19/DEC/CRP.5).

14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Scale of assessments for 2015

The Conference is **requested** pursuant to Financial Regulation 3.6(b) to adopt a draft decision on the scale of assessments to be paid by States Parties for the financial year 2015 (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

15. AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – External Auditor’s report on the audited Financial Statements of the OPCW and the Provident Fund for 2013

At its Seventy-Seventh Session, the Council considered and noted the Financial Statements of the OPCW and the report of the External Auditor for the year ending 31 December 2013 (EC-77/DG.1 C-19/DG.4, dated 14 July 2014). In accordance with Regulation 13.10 of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, the report is being forwarded to the Conference, which is **requested** to note it.

16. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Appointment of the External Auditor

- 16.1 At its Seventy-Seventh Session, the Council noted a Note by the Director-General containing the summary of nominations for the External Auditor of the OPCW (EC-77/DG.12, dated 8 September 2014), and the observations of the Vice-Chairperson for administrative and financial issues, Ambassador Masaru Tsuji of Japan. The Council agreed that the Chairperson would nominate a panel of ambassadors who will evaluate the three candidates for the position of External Auditor of the OPCW, availing itself of technical support if required, in order to enable the Council to make a recommendation to the Conference at its Nineteenth Session (paragraph 8.22 of EC-77/4, dated 10 October 2014).

16.2 At the Forty-Sixth Meeting of the Council, the Chairperson reported to the Council on the work of the panel of ambassadors and on the panel's decision. The Council took note of the report and recommended to the Conference at its Nineteenth Session that it appoint the Comptroller and Auditor General of the National Audit Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as External Auditor of the OPCW, for the period from 2015 to 2017 (paragraph 5.2 of EC-M-46/3, dated 19 November 2014).

16.3 The Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the appointment of the External Auditor of the OPCW (C-19/DEC/CRP.10, dated 19 November 2014).

17. AGENDA ITEM SEVENTEEN – Administrative and financial matters

Subitem 17 (a): Implementation of an enterprise-resource-planning system and establishment of a special fund for this purpose

17.1 At its Seventy-Seventh Session, the Council noted a Note by the Director-General on the Enterprise-Resource-Planning (ERP) Strategy of the OPCW (EC-77/DG.15, dated 12 September 2014), and considered and adopted a decision on the implementation of an ERP system and on the establishment of a special fund for this purpose (EC-77/DEC.1, dated 9 October 2014) and transmitted it to the Conference for approval at its Nineteenth Session (paragraph 8.4 of EC-77/4).

17.2 The Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the matter (C-19/DEC/CRP.2, dated 22 October 2014).

Subitem 17 (b): Reduction of the Working Capital Fund

17.3 At its Seventy-Seventh Session, the Council noted a Note by the Director-General recommending the reduction of the WCF and the use of the remaining balance for ERP implementation (EC-77/DG.17, dated 12 September 2014), and considered and adopted a decision on the matter (EC-77/DEC.2, dated 9 October 2014) and transmitted it to the Conference for approval at its Nineteenth Session (paragraph 8.5 of EC-77/4).

17.4 The Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the matter (C-19/DEC/CRP.3, dated 22 October 2014).

Subitem 17 (c): Withholding of the distribution of the cash surplus for 2012

17.5 At its Seventy-Seventh Session, the Council noted a Note by the Director-General on the request for withholding of the distribution of the cash surplus for 2012 (EC-77/DG.16, dated 12 September 2014), with a view to transferring it to an ERP special fund, and considered and adopted a decision on the matter (EC-77/DEC.3, dated 9 October 2014) and transmitted it to the Conference for approval at its Nineteenth Session.

17.6 The Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the matter (C-19/DEC/CRP.4, dated 22 October 2014).

Subitem 17(d): The cash situation and the use of the Working Capital Fund for the financial year to 31 August 2014

17.7 At its Seventy-Seventh Session, the Council considered and forwarded to the Conference at its Nineteenth 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 2014 (EC-77/DG.14 C-19/DG.10, dated 10 September 2014). The Conference is **requested** to note this Note.

Subitem 17(e): Status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans to regularise the payment of their outstanding annual contributions

17.8 At its Eleventh Session, the Conference adopted a decision (C-11/DEC.5, dated 7 December 2006) on a mechanism to encourage States Parties that are in arrears to regularise the payment of their outstanding annual contributions through the use of multi-year payment plans, requesting the Secretariat to submit a report to it each year, through the Council, on the status of implementation of agreed multi-year payment plans as at the end of the quarter that falls immediately before the session of the Council that precedes the session of the Conference.

17.9 The Conference is **requested** to consider and note the report that the Council at its Seventy-Seventh Session considered and forwarded to it pursuant to the above-mentioned decision (EC-77/DG.8 C-19/DG.9, dated 1 September 2014).

Subitem 17(f): Recommendation for write-offs of irrecoverable accounts receivable and of losses of assets

17.10 The Council at its Seventy-Seventh Session considered a Note by the Director-General on the recommendation for write-offs of irrecoverable accounts receivable and losses of assets and recommended that the Conference at its Nineteenth Session approve these write-offs, totalling EUR 18,002.95 (EC-77/DG.2 C-19/DG.5, dated 30 July 2014) (paragraph 8.18 of EC-77/4). The Conference is **requested** to adopt a draft decision approving the said proposals (C-19/DEC/CRP.6, dated 6 November 2014).

Subitem 17(g): Transfers of funds between programmes in 2013

17.11 In accordance with Regulation 4.5 of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, all transfers between Budget programmes shall be reported to the Conference. The Conference is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General on this matter (EC-75/DG.4 C-19/DG.1, dated 13 February 2014).

Subitem 17(h): Report of the Office of Internal Oversight for 2013

17.12 In accordance with Regulation 12.5 of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, the Council at its Seventy-Sixth Session considered and forwarded to the Conference the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013, and the accompanying Note by the Director-General (EC-76/DG.2 C-19/DG.3, dated 27 March 2014). The Conference is **requested** to note this report.

Subitem 17(i): Proposal for the rehiring of inspectors

17.13 Further to its previous consideration of the background Note by the Secretariat on the rehiring of former inspectors (EC-76/S/5, dated 2 July 2014 and Add.1, dated 26 September 2014), the Council at its Forty-Sixth Meeting considered the draft decision EC-74/DEC/CRP.4/Rev.4, dated 19 November 2014, and agreed to consider this issue further, with a view to examining the possibility of its consideration by the Conference at its Nineteenth Session (paragraph 6 of EC-M-46/3).

18. AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN – Fostering of international cooperation for peaceful purposes in the field of chemical activities

18.1 The Conference at its Sixteenth Session adopted a decision regarding components of an agreed framework for the full implementation of Article XI of the Convention (C-16/DEC.10, dated 1 December 2011), and requested the Secretariat to report to the Conference at each annual session on the progress of concrete measures undertaken in implementing the decision, and on the status of implementation of Article XI.

18.2 The Conference is **requested** to note a report by the Director-General on the progress made and review of the status of implementation of Article XI of the Convention for the period from 31 August 2013 to 26 August 2014 (EC-77/DG.20 C-19/DG.12, dated 18 September 2014).

19. AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN – Ensuring the universality of the Convention

19.1 The Council at its Twenty-Third Meeting adopted an action plan for the universality of the Convention (EC-M-23/DEC.3, dated 24 October 2003). The plan requested the Director-General, inter alia, to submit to the Conference at its regular sessions an annual report on the implementation of the action plan, and to keep the Council regularly informed, so that the Conference and the Council may review progress and monitor its implementation effectively.

19.2 The Conference is **requested** to note the annual report by the Director-General on the implementation of the action plan for the universality of the Convention during the period from 16 September 2013 to 15 August 2014 (EC-77/DG.18 C-19/DG.11, dated 15 September 2014), and to take any further steps it might consider necessary.

20. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY – The OPCW Programme for Africa

The Conference is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General on the Programme to Strengthen Cooperation with Africa on the Chemical Weapons Convention (EC-77/DG.21 C-19/DG.13, dated 23 September 2014).

21. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-ONE – Reports of subsidiary bodies

Committee of the Whole

21.1 The Committee of the Whole is expected to report on the results of its consideration of those agenda items that the Conference refers to it at the recommendation of the General Committee.

General Committee

- 21.2 The Conference is **requested** to note the reports that the General Committee will prepare in accordance with Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, and to take such action as it deems appropriate.

Confidentiality Commission

- 21.3 The Conference is **requested** to note the report of the Sixteenth Meeting of the Commission for the Settlement of Disputes Related to Confidentiality (hereinafter “the Confidentiality Commission”) (CC-16/1, dated 23 May 2014).
- 21.4 The Conference is **requested** to elect 20 members of the Confidentiality Commission for a term of two years, starting from 1 May 2015. In accordance with Rule 2(b) of the Operating Procedures of the Confidentiality Commission (C-III/DEC.10/Rev.2, dated 4 December 2013), the States Parties belonging to each of the five regions specified in paragraph 23 of Article VIII of the Convention shall select four candidates from among the persons nominated by the States Parties in their region, to serve in a personal capacity. The same Rule also states that the States Parties in each of the regional groups shall do their utmost, through a process of consultation, to reach consensus on their selection; that a list of 20 candidates reflecting the selection of the regional groups shall be submitted to the Conference; and that the decision on appointment shall be taken by the Conference as a matter of substance, in accordance with paragraph 18 of Article VIII of the Convention. Rule 3 of the aforementioned operating procedures stipulates that members shall take up their appointment for a period of two years, starting from 1 May in the year immediately following the session of the Conference at which they were appointed, and that anyone who has completed three consecutive terms as a member of the Confidentiality Commission shall not be eligible for immediate reappointment.

Credentials Committee

- 21.5 The Conference is **requested** to consider and approve the report of the Credentials Committee on the credentials of Representatives to the Nineteenth Session of the Conference (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

- 21.6 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). Pursuant to this decision, the Conference is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Host Country Committee on the performance of its activities, for the period from September 2013 to February 2014 (EC-75/HCC/1/Rev.1 C-19/HCC/1/Rev.1, dated 6 March 2014). The Chairperson of the Council will report to the Conference on the status of the work by the Host Country Committee.

22. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-TWO – Follow-up to the Third Review Conference

In paragraph 9.17 of its report (RC-3/3*, dated 19 April 2013), the Third Review Conference expressed its intention to keep the declarations contained in paragraphs 9.3 to 9.16 of that document under review at each regular session of the Conference. Subsequently, the agenda of the Council at its Seventy-Third, Seventy-Fourth, Seventy-Fifth, Seventy-Sixth, and Seventy-Seventh Sessions included an item on the follow-up to the Third Review Conference. The Secretariat supported the Council in this respect by providing a “Matrix of Actionable Items Identified at the Third Review Conference,” to the Council at its Seventy-Third Session (EC-73/S/2, dated 4 June 2013), the latest update of which was provided to the Council at its Seventy-Seventh Session (EC-77/S/4, dated 23 September 2014). The Conference is **requested** to note the activities in furtherance of its review of the declarations contained in paragraphs 9.3 to 9.16 of the report of the Third Review Conference.

23. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-THREE – Any other business

24. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-FOUR – Adoption of the report of the Conference of the States Parties

25. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-FIVE – Closure

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