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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 2012 to 11 May 2013, and from 12 May 2013 to 11 May 2014.

TABLE 1: COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL FROM 12 MAY 2012 TO 11 MAY 2013

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

TABLE 2: COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL FROM 12 MAY 2013 TO 11 MAY 2014

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

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

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

- 1.4 At its Seventy-Second Session, the Council elected Ambassador Olexander Horin of Ukraine as its Chairperson, and Ambassador Odette Melono of Cameroon, Ambassador Miguel Eduardo Calahorrano Camino of Ecuador, Ambassador Bhaswati Mukherjee of India, and Ambassador Francesco Azzarello of Italy as its Vice-Chairpersons, for a term of office ending on 11 May 2014.
- 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
Seventieth	25 - 28 September 2012
Seventy-First	19 - 21 February 2013
Seventy-Second	6 and 7 May 2013
Seventy-Third	16 - 19 July 2013

- 1.6 The Council held one meeting during the reporting period, its Thirty-Second Meeting (on 27 March 2013).

Dates for regular sessions of the Executive Council in 2013

- 1.7 The Council at its Seventieth Session decided that, as from 12 May 2013, the Council shall meet for three regular sessions during its annual cycles.

Accreditation of representatives to the Executive Council

- 1.8 The most recent examination of credentials (EC-73/DG.5/Rev.1, dated 16 July 2013), which the Director-General conducted and reported on to the Council at its Seventy-Third 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

- 1.9 During the period under review, observer States Parties participated actively in all sessions of the Council, with an average of 45 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

- 1.10 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-70/INF.1, dated 30 July 2012; EC-71/INF.1, dated 11 December 2012; EC-72/INF.1, dated 7 March 2013; EC-73/INF.1, dated 13 June 2013).

- 1.11 The Chairperson of the Council acted as the coordinator for the Open-Ended Working Group on Terrorism. 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.
- 1.12 The Council at its Seventieth Session considered the recommendations contained in the Chairperson's summary of issues raised in the informal consultations held on 29 August 2012 related to the improvement of the methodology of the work of the Council (EC-70/3*, dated 25 September 2012). The Council expressed appreciation for the progress achieved on this matter and the general desire to move forward on some recommendations. The Council also noted that other recommendations would require further discussion by the Council, as appropriate. The Council requested the Chairperson to continue consultations intersessionally on issues relating to improvement of the methodology of the work of the Council.
- 1.13 The Chairperson at the Seventy-First Session of the Council reported on her informal consultations on issues relating to the improvement of the methodology of the work of the Council, concluding with recommendations that could be implemented on a trial basis. The Council agreed with the Chairperson's assessment that the process continue through informal consultations.
- 1.14 Subsequently, prior to the Seventy-Third Session of the Council the Chairperson held informal consultations on the subject on 25 June 2013 to review the actions taken in accordance with the recommendations agreed by the Council at its Seventy-First Session; to discuss how to implement other recommendations; and to exchange views on new proposals and possible ways ahead for the informal consultation. He reported on the outcome of the informal consultations at that Session of the Council.

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 reports to the Council, either in fulfilment of various requirements of the Convention or in response to requests by the Council or the Conference.
- 2.2 The Director-General informed the Council at its Seventieth Session about the "Supplementary Arrangement Concerning the Implementation of Article II(2)(c) of the Relationship Agreement between the United Nations and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons" that he concluded with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Council requested that, in case the provisions of paragraph 27 of Part XI of the Verification Annex to the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter "the Verification Annex") or any other document related thereto and concluded between the OPCW and the United Nations are invoked, the Director-General will promptly inform the Council and all States Parties of the request and of the actions that the Secretariat is undertaking to respond to the request.

- 2.3 The Council at its Seventy-Third Session noted the opening statement by the Director-General (EC-73/DG.12, dated 16 July 2013), including the information regarding the cooperation between the Director-General of the OPCW and the Secretary-General of the United Nations with regard to the investigation into the alleged use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic, and on that issue, statements were made by delegations.

Draft report of the OPCW for 2012

- 2.4 The Council at its Seventy-Third 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 2012” (EC-73/7 C-18/CRP.1, dated 19 July 2013) and forwarded it to the Conference for its consideration at its Eighteenth Session.

Universality-related activities

- 2.5 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 Seventieth Session considered and noted the annual report on this plan for the period from 16 September 2011 to 15 August 2012, submitted to both the Council and the Conference (EC-70/DG.14 C-17/DG.13, dated 18 September 2012).
- 2.6 The Council at its Seventy-Third Session welcomed the accession of Somalia to the Convention on 28 June 2013, bringing the membership of the OPCW to 189 States Parties. The Council reaffirmed the unqualified commitment of the OPCW to achieve universality of the Convention and urgently called upon all States not Party to the Convention to join without delay and precondition.

Verification Implementation Reports

- 2.7 The Council at its Seventieth Session considered and noted a supplement to the 2011 Verification Implementation Report (VIR) (EC-70/HP/DG.2, dated 29 August 2012).
- 2.8 The Council at its Seventieth Session also noted the comments and views received on the 2011 VIR (EC-70/P/DG.1, dated 1 August 2012).
- 2.9 The Council at its Seventy-Third Session considered and noted the 2012 VIR (EC-73/HP/DG.1, dated 16 May 2013 and Corr.1, dated 8 July 2013). The Council also noted the comments and views received on the 2012 VIR (EC-73/HP/DG.2, dated 1 July 2013 and EC-73/DG.7, dated 2 July 2013), as well as the Chairperson’s summary of the informal consultations on it (EC-73/5, dated 10 July 2013).

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

- 2.10 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 Seventieth, Seventy-First, Seventy-Second, and Seventy-Third Sessions:
- (a) Libya (EC-70/NAT.2, dated 3 September 2012; EC-71/NAT.1, dated 12 January 2013; EC-72/NAT.2, dated 24 April 2013; and EC-73/NAT.3, dated 24 June 2013), with the Council at its Seventy-Second and Seventy-Third Sessions noting the confirmation provided by the delegation of Libya that the necessary measures continue to be undertaken in order to meet the planned completion date of December 2016 for its destruction activities, as submitted to the Council at its Sixty-Eighth Session in accordance with subparagraph 3(c) of C-16/DEC.11, dated 1 December 2011;
 - (b) the Russian Federation (EC-70/P/NAT.1, dated 7 September 2012; EC-71/P/NAT.1, dated 22 January 2013; EC-72/P/NAT.1, dated 8 April 2013; and EC-73/P/NAT.1, dated 18 June 2013), with the Council at its Seventy-Second and Seventy-Third Sessions noting the confirmation provided by the delegation of the Russian Federation that the necessary measures continue to be undertaken in order to meet the planned completion date of December 2015 for its destruction activities, as submitted to the Council at its Sixty-Eighth Session in accordance with subparagraph 3(c) of C-16/DEC.11;
 - (c) the United States of America (EC-70/NAT.1, dated 27 August 2012; EC-71/NAT.2, dated 17 January 2013; EC-72/NAT.3, dated 8 April 2013; and EC-73/NAT.1, dated 20 June 2013), with the Council at its Seventy-Second and Seventy-Third Sessions noting the confirmation provided by the delegation of the United States of America that the necessary measures continue to be undertaken in order to meet the planned completion date of September 2023 for its destruction activities, as submitted to the Council at its Sixty-Eighth Session in accordance with subparagraph 3(c) of C-16/DEC.11.
- 2.11 The Council at its Seventy-First Session considered and noted a Note by the Director-General on the schedule for submission by chemical weapons possessor States of the reports on their destruction activities after the extended deadline of 29 April 2012 (EC-71/DG.5, dated 21 December 2012).
- 2.12 Further to a decision by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session (C-16/DEC.11), the Council at its Seventieth, Seventy-First, Seventy-Second, and Seventy-Third Sessions considered and noted reports by the Director-General on the overall progress of destruction activities by possessor States Parties (EC-70/DG.15, dated 18 September 2012; EC-71/DG.10, dated 31 January 2013; EC-72/DG.8, dated 3 May 2013; and EC-73/DG.8, dated 3 July 2013 and Corr.1, dated 18 July 2013).
- 2.13 Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6, dated 15 February 2012), the Council at its Seventieth, Seventy-First,

Seventy-Second, and Seventy-Third Sessions noted reports by the Director-General on the overall progress of the destruction of abandoned chemical weapons (EC-70/DG.17, dated 21 September 2012 and Corr.1, dated 27 September 2012; EC-71/DG.11, dated 4 February 2013; EC-72/DG.9, dated 3 May 2013 and Corr.1, dated 6 May 2013; and EC-73/DG.11, dated 11 July 2013).

- 2.14 Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6), the Council at its Seventieth Session conducted a substantive review of the implementation of the decision, including the progress made in the destruction of ACWs referred to in operative paragraph 8, which is reflected in the Report of the Executive Council on the Performance of its Activities in the Period from 16 July 2011 to 13 July 2012 (EC-70/4 C-17/2, dated 28 September 2012), to which a Note by the Secretariat is attached.
- 2.15 Further to the same decision, national papers by China (EC-70/NAT.3, dated 14 September 2012; EC-71/NAT.4, dated 21 January 2013; EC-72/NAT.4, dated 22 April 2013; and EC-73/NAT.4, dated 3 July 2013) and national papers by Japan (EC-70/NAT.4, dated 14 September 2012; EC-71/NAT.3/Rev.1, dated 18 January 2013; EC-72/NAT.1, dated 18 April 2013; and EC-73/NAT.2, dated 14 June 2013) were circulated to the members of the Council at its Seventieth, Seventy-First, Seventy-Second, and Seventy-Third Sessions. While welcoming close cooperation between relevant States Parties, 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 abovementioned decision.
- 2.16 The Council at its Seventy-Second and Seventy-Third Sessions welcomed the review of the destruction of abandoned chemical weapons conducted by 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”) and the report of the Third Review Conference (RC-3/3*, dated 19 April 2013) relating to abandoned chemical weapons issues. The Council also welcomed the planned visit of the Chairperson of the Council, the Director-General, and a delegation representing the Council to Haerbaling abandoned chemical weapons site, jointly invited by China and Japan.
- 2.17 The Council at its Seventy-Third Session took note of information that had been provided by the Secretariat regarding one pre-1925 old chemical weapon (OCW) that the Netherlands had declared in May 2013. The Council also took note of the information provided by the delegation of the Netherlands on this issue (EC-73/NAT.10, dated 17 July 2013).

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

- 2.18 The Council at its Seventy-Third Session noted the report of the visit by the Chairperson of the Council and representatives of the Council to the Pueblo Chemical Agent Destruction Pilot Plant, Colorado, and the Blue Grass Chemical Agent

Destruction Pilot Plant, Kentucky, the United States of America, from 18 to 24 May 2013 (EC-73/2, dated 8 July 2013).

Detailed plans for verification of the destruction of chemical weapons

- 2.19 The Council at its Seventy-First Session considered and approved amendments to the agreed detailed plan for verification of the destruction of the Category 1 chemical weapons at the Leonidovka chemical weapons destruction facility (CWDF), Penzenskaya Oblast, the Russian Federation (EC-71/DEC.2, dated 20 February 2013).
- 2.20 The Council at this same session also considered and approved amendments to the agreed detailed plan for verification of the destruction of Category 1 chemical weapons at the CWDF located at Pochep, Bryanskaya Oblast, the Russian Federation (EC-71/DEC.4, dated 20 February 2013).
- 2.21 The Council at its Seventy-Second Session considered and approved amendments to the agreed detailed plan for verification of the destruction of the Category 1 chemical weapons at the CWDF located at Shchuchye, Kurganskaya Oblast, the Russian Federation (EC-72/DEC.1, dated 7 May 2013).

Facility agreements

- 2.22 The Secretariat submitted to the Council at its Seventy-First Session a Note on modifications to the facility agreement with the Russian Federation regarding on-site inspections at the CWDF, located at Leonidovka, Penzenskaya Oblast, the Russian Federation (EC-71/S/2*, dated 21 January 2013). A proposed amendment to the aforementioned facility agreement was submitted separately to the Council at its Seventy-First Session (EC-71/DEC.3, dated 20 February 2013), which considered and approved it.
- 2.23 The Secretariat also submitted to the Council at this same session a Note on modifications to the facility agreement with the Russian Federation regarding on-site inspections at the CWDF located at Pochep, Bryanskaya Oblast, the Russian Federation (EC-71/S/4, dated 24 January 2013). A proposed amendment to the aforementioned facility agreement was submitted separately to the Council at its Seventy-First Session (EC-71/DEC.5, dated 20 February 2013), which considered and approved it.
- 2.24 The Secretariat submitted to the Council at its Seventy-Second Session a Note on modifications to the facility agreement with the Russian Federation regarding on-site inspections at the CWDF located at Shchuchye, Kurganskaya Oblast, the Russian Federation (EC-72/S/2, dated 9 April 2013). Proposed amendments to the aforementioned facility agreement had been submitted separately to the Council at its Seventy-Second Session (EC-72/DEC.2, dated 7 May 2013), which considered and approved them.
- 2.25 The Council at its Seventy-Third Session noted a Note by the Director-General on the review of the Schedule 2 facility agreements (EC-73/DG.9, dated 4 July 2013), and adopted a decision on the termination of approved Schedule 2 facility agreements (EC-73/DEC.1, dated 17 July 2013).

Conversion of chemical weapons production facilities

- 2.26 The Council at its Seventy-First Session noted a report by the Director-General concerning a recommendation on a request by Iraq for approval to use a chemical weapons production facility (CWPF), Al-Rashad Site, for purposes not prohibited under the Convention (EC-71/DG.4, dated 21 December 2012) and adopted a decision on the request (EC-71/DEC.1, dated 19 February 2013).
- 2.27 The Council at this same session noted a Note by the Secretariat on the update on the progress in converting a former CWPF for purposes not prohibited under the Convention (EC-71/R/S/1, dated 17 January 2013).
- 2.28 The Council at its Seventy-Third Session considered and approved the “Correction to the Detailed Plans for Destruction of the Facility for the Production of a Vx-Type Substance and Filling it into Munitions, Open Joint Stock Company ‘Khimprom’, Novocheboksarsk, Chuvash Republic, Russian Federation (Phase 1)” (EC-73/S/1, dated 28 May 2013). Subsequently, the corresponding decision was updated accordingly (EC-XXII/DEC.1*, dated 17 July 2013).

Timely submission of declarations under Article VI of the Convention

- 2.29 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 (paragraph 9.60 of RC-2/4, dated 18 April 2008), the Council at its Seventy-First and Seventy-Third 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-71/DG.7, dated 23 January 2013, and EC-73/DG.6, dated 24 June 2013).

Captive use of Schedule 1 chemicals under Article VI of the Convention

- 2.30 The Council at its Seventy-Third Session noted the Note by the Secretariat entitled “Update on the Matter Considered by the Executive Council at Its Sixty-Third Session Under Agenda Subitem 6(i)” (EC-73/S/7, dated 19 July 2013), concerning the issue of captive use of Schedule 1 chemicals in Denmark. To bring this matter to closure, in accordance with paragraph 5 of the above-mentioned Note, the Council noted the Secretariat’s intention to provide a further Note on this matter at its next regular session.

Chemical industry and other Article VI-related issues

- 2.31 At its Seventieth Session, the Council noted and concurred with the recommendation of the coordinator for chemical-industry and other Article VI issues that the “Understanding on access to records during Schedule 2, Schedule 3, and DOC/PSF plant-site inspections” (item II.3 of EC-70/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.

- 2.32 Further to a decision of the Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session on the policy guidelines for determining the number of Article VI inspections (EC-66/DEC.10, dated 7 October 2011), the Council at its Seventy-Second Session noted a report by the Director-General on the results of the implementation of these policy guidelines (EC-72/DG.4, dated 5 April 2013).

Other verification related issues

- 2.33 The Council at its Seventieth Session adopted a decision on guidelines for the number, intensity, duration, timing, and mode of inspections at Schedule 1 single small-scale facilities and at other Schedule 1 facilities (EC-70/DEC.4, dated 28 September 2012).
- 2.34 The Council at its Seventy-First Session noted the Note by the Secretariat, “Written Report Regarding a Previously Undeclared Schedule 1 Other Facility for Research, Medical, or Pharmaceutical Purposes” (EC-71/S/5/Rev.2, dated 21 February 2013).
- 2.35 The Council at this same session noted a national paper presented by Germany on “Information Regarding the Late Declaration of an ‘Other Facility for Research, Medical or Pharmaceutical Purposes’ under Part VI of the Verification Annex of the Convention” (EC-71/NAT.5, dated 19 February 2013). The Council, noting the importance of this issue, welcomed the transparency and openness with which Germany had brought this issue to the attention of the Council. The Council was also informed that the Schedule 1 facility was removed from the list of active Schedule 1 facilities.
- 2.36 The Council at this same session stressed that previously undeclared Schedule 1 facilities and activities should be handled in a transparent, prompt, and consistent manner in accordance with the object and purpose of the Convention. The Council stressed the need for all States Parties to ensure that their national implementation measures are adequate and to keep these under review so as to ensure that the Convention is fully implemented.
- 2.37 The Council at its Seventy-First Session also invited the Director-General to present in writing to the members of the Council, at its Seventy-Second Session, the Secretariat’s procedures for handling such cases in the future in order to solicit their comments and to adjust the procedures if necessary (paragraph 6.16 of EC-71/3, dated 21 February 2013). The Council at its Seventy Second Session noted the Note by the Director-General on the matter (EC-72/DG.6, dated 24 April 2013).

Progress made in the implementation of Article VII obligations

- 2.38 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 Seventieth Session noted the report by the Director-General on the “Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 27 July 2012: Article VII(1)(a) to (c) and Other Obligations” (EC-70/DG.3 C-17/DG.6, dated 28 August 2012); the report by the Director-General on the “Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 27 July 2012: Further Obligations Pursuant to Article VII” (EC-70/DG.4 C-17/DG.7,

dated 28 August 2012); 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 27 July 2012” (EC-70/DG.5 C-17/DG.8, dated 28 August 2012). The Council forwarded the documents to the Conference for consideration at its Seventeenth Session.

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

- 2.39 The Council at its Seventieth Session considered and noted a Note by the Director-General reporting on the readiness of the Secretariat to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use (EC-70/DG.12, dated 12 September 2012).

OPCW Central Analytical Database

- 2.40 The Council at its Seventy-First 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-71/DG.3, dated 17 December 2012) and adopted a decision on the inclusion (EC-71/DEC.6, dated 20 February 2013).
- 2.41 The Council at this same session also considered a Note by the Director-General on the lists of approved data recommended for removal from the OCAD (EC-71/DG.2, dated 17 December 2012) and adopted a decision on the removal (EC-71/DEC.7, dated 20 February 2013).
- 2.42 The Council at its Seventy-Third 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-73/DG.3, dated 11 June 2013) and adopted a decision on the inclusion (EC-73/DEC.2, dated 18 July 2013).

Status of implementation of Article X

- 2.43 The Council at its Seventy-Second Session considered and noted a report by the Director-General on the status of implementation of Article X of the Convention (EC-72/DG.1, dated 25 March 2013).
- 2.44 The Council at this same session requested the Director-General to circulate the list of qualified experts referred to in paragraph 7 of Part XI of the Verification Annex, as an official series document each time the list is updated.

The content of the assistance-and-protection data bank and its use

- 2.45 The Council at its Seventy-Third Session considered and noted a Note by the Secretariat on the content of the assistance-and-protection data bank and its use (EC-73/S/3, dated 10 June 2013).

Status of implementation of Article XI

- 2.46 The Council at its Seventieth Session considered and noted a report by the Director-General entitled “Progress Report on and the Status of Implementation of

Article XI of the Chemical Weapons Convention for the Period 1 January to 15 August 2012” (EC-70/DG.10/Rev.1 C-17/DG.11/Rev.1, dated 26 September 2012).

- 2.47 The Council at its Seventy-Second Session exchanged views on the implementation of Article XI. The Council also noted the positive outcome of the Third Review Conference, which emphasised the importance of the “Components of an Agreed Framework for the Full Implementation of Article XI” adopted by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session (C-16/DEC.10, dated 1 December 2011), recognising that the decision provides guidance for full, effective and non-discriminatory implementation of the provisions of Article XI, as well as identifying avenues that would advance its objectives and also allows for consideration of additional proposals to further develop and enhance actions for the advancement of its objectives.
- 2.48 The Council at this same session noted further the call by States Parties for adequate funding for the OPCW’s international cooperation and assistance programmes, through the regular Budget and voluntary funding.
- 2.49 The Council at this same session emphasised that the future consideration of avenues for further work should focus on practical measures for the future realisation of the objectives of Article XI.

International cooperation and assistance activities during the intersessional period

- 2.50 The Council at its Seventy-Third Session received with appreciation a briefing on the Secretariat activities on international cooperation and assistance during the intersessional period and requested the Secretariat to continue this practice. The Council at its Seventy-Third Session requested the relevant facilitators to continue their facilitation processes, considering all the proposals presented by delegations, and to report to the Council on their activities, in order to take additional measures as necessary to ensure the full implementation of the Convention.

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

- 2.51 At its Seventieth Session, the Council considered and noted a Note on the Programme to Strengthen Cooperation with Africa on the Chemical Weapons Convention (EC-70/DG.9 C-17/DG.10, dated 12 September 2012).

The OPCW’s contribution to global anti-terrorism efforts

- 2.52 The Council at its Seventy-Second Session noted a Note by the Director-General on the status of the OPCW’s contribution to global anti-terrorism efforts (EC-72/DG.7, dated 25 April 2013).
- 2.53 At this same session of the Council, a working paper by H.E. Professor Ruthie C. Rono, former facilitator of the Open-Ended Working Group on Terrorism, on proposals for the way forward for the Open-Ended Working Group on Terrorism (EC-72/WP.1, dated 19 February 2013), was circulated to the Council.

Report of the Open-Ended Working Group for the Preparation of the Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention

- 2.54 The Council at its Seventieth and Seventy-First Sessions 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.

Organisation of the follow-up to the Third Review Conference

- 2.55 The Council at its Seventy-Second Session discussed the organisation of the follow-up to the Third Review Conference. The Council also requested the Director-General to explore options for alternative conference venues, including options for expanding the Ieper Room, and to report to the Council at its next regular session.
- 2.56 The Council at its Seventy-Third Session welcomed a Note prepared by the Secretariat entitled “Matrix of Actionable Items Identified at the Third Review Conference” (EC-73/S/2, dated 4 June 2013), and requested the Director-General to submit to each regular session of the Council the updated version.
- 2.57 At this same session, while emphasising that the basis for actionable items should always be the report of the Third Review Conference, the Council requested the Vice-Chairpersons and/or facilitators to continue addressing and/or to initiate consultations on the actionable items, and to regularly report back to the Council on the progress of implementation.
- 2.58 The Council at this same session also requested the Secretariat to provide, prior to the next regular session of the Council, the reports identified by the Third Review Conference that are important for decisions on the Programme and Budget for 2014.
- 2.59 The Council at this same session noted the presentation by the Secretariat, entitled “The OPCW as Global Repository of Knowledge and Expertise on the Implementation of the Convention,” decided to continue to discuss this issue in the intersessional period, and asked the Secretariat to report again at the next session for its consideration.
- 2.60 The Council at this same session welcomed the presentation by the Secretariat, entitled “Presentation on Alternative Conference Venues,” decided to continue to discuss this issue in the intersessional period, and asked the Secretariat to report again at the next session.
- 2.61 The Council at this same session decided to keep the agenda item of the “Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference,” which would include consideration of those actionable issues that the Council considers should remain under its direct purview, on the regular agenda of the Council.

Agreements on the privileges and immunities of the OPCW

- 2.62 The Council at its Seventy-First Session considered and concluded an agreement between the OPCW and the Republic of the Gambia on the privileges and immunities of the OPCW (EC-71/DEC.8, dated 20 February 2013).
- 2.63 The Council at its Seventy-Second Session also considered and concluded an agreement between the OPCW and the Republic of Sudan on the privileges and immunities of the OPCW (EC-72/DEC.3, dated 7 May 2013).

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

- 2.64 The Council at its Seventy-First 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 2012 (EC-71/DG.8 C-18/DG.1, dated 29 January 2013).

Administrative and financial matters

Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2013, and all items pertaining to this Budget

- 2.65 The Council at its Seventieth Session considered the Draft Programme and Budget for 2013, which the Director-General had submitted to the Council in accordance with Financial Regulation 3.4, and forwarded it to the Conference at its Seventeenth Session, together with its comments and recommendations (EC-70/DEC.3, dated 28 September 2012).
- 2.66 At this same session, the Medium-Term Plan for the period from 2013 to 2015 (EC-70/S/1 C-17/S/1, dated 28 June 2012 and Corr.1, dated 19 July 2012) was circulated to the members of the Council.
- 2.67 The Note by the Secretariat on the programme performance for the year 2011 (S/1018/2012, dated 23 May 2012) was also circulated to the members of the Council at its Seventieth Session.

OPCW income and expenditure

- 2.68 The Council at its Seventieth Session considered and forwarded to the Conference at its Seventeenth Session a report by the Director-General on OPCW income and expenditure for the financial year to 30 June 2012 (EC-70/DG.2 C-17/DG.5, dated 19 July 2012 and Corr.1, dated 7 September 2012).
- 2.69 The Council at its Seventieth Session also considered and forwarded to the Conference at its Seventeenth 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 2012 (EC-70/DG.11 C-17/DG.12, dated 12 September 2012).

- 2.70 The Council at its Seventy-Second Session noted a report by the Director-General on OPCW income and expenditure for the financial year to 31 March 2013 (EC-72/DG.5, dated 12 April 2013).
- 2.71 Further to the consideration of the issue at its Seventy-First Session, the Council at its Seventy-Third Session noted a report by the Director-General on OPCW income and expenditure for the financial year to 31 December 2012 (EC-71/DG.13, dated 5 February 2013).

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

- 2.72 Further to a decision of the Conference at its Eleventh Session (C-11/DEC.5, dated 7 December 2006), the Council at its Seventieth Session considered and forwarded to the Conference at its Seventeenth Session a Note by the Director-General on the status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans (EC-70/DG.6 C-17/DG.9, dated 4 September 2012).

Transfer of funds between programmes

- 2.73 The Council at its Seventieth Session noted a Note by the Director-General on the transfer of funds during 2012 and concurred on the proposal contained therein (EC-70/DG.13, dated 18 September 2012).
- 2.74 Further to the consideration of the issue at its Seventy-First Session, the Council at its Seventy-Third Session noted a Note by the Director-General on transfers of funds during 2012 (EC-71/DG.14 C-18/DG.2, dated 5 February 2013).

Financial Regulations and Rules of the OPCW

- 2.75 The Council at its Seventieth Session considered a Note by the Director-General on proposed amendments to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the OPCW (EC-70/DG.8, dated 12 September 2012) and adopted a decision on this matter (EC-70/DEC.1, dated 26 September 2012).

Report of the Executive Council on the performance of its activities

- 2.76 The Council at its Seventieth Session considered and approved a report on the performance of its activities in the period from 16 July 2011 to 13 July 2012 (EC-70/4 C-17/2) and submitted it to the Conference for consideration at its Seventeenth Session. A Note by the Secretariat entitled “the Destruction of Chemical Weapons Abandoned by Japan in the People’s Republic of China” was attached to the above-mentioned report.

Personnel matters

Amendment to the OPCW Staff Regulations

- 2.77 The Council at its Seventieth Session considered a Note by the Director-General on the proposed amendment to the Staff Regulations of the OPCW (EC-70/DG.7, dated

12 September 2012) and adopted a decision on this matter (EC-70/DEC.2, dated 28 September 2012) and forwarded it to the Conference for consideration at its Seventeenth Session. The Council emphasised that downward classification of posts will be undertaken without adverse effect on the programme delivery of the operational Divisions (Verification, Inspectorate, and International Cooperation and Assistance) of the Secretariat. The Council encouraged the Director-General to submit proposals for all upward classifications simultaneously with release of the Draft Programme and Budget.

Composition of the Technical Secretariat

- 2.78 The Council at its Seventy-Third Session noted a report by the Director-General on the composition of the Secretariat (EC-73/DG.4, dated 14 June 2013). The Council also welcomed the Director-General's statement that he will continue to implement paragraph 44 of Article VIII of the Convention in the appointment of staff to the Secretariat. The Director-General was requested to strive to achieve that goal, paying due consideration to geographical and gender balance.

Implementation of the policy on tenure

- 2.79 The Council at its Seventy-Third Session considered and noted a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2012 (EC-73/DG.1, dated 10 June 2013).

3. OTHER DECISIONS AND ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Information provided by the Director-General on the request of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the OPCW to support an investigation of alleged use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic

- 3.1 The Council at its Thirty-Second Meeting received information from the Director-General on the request of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the OPCW to support an investigation of the alleged use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic.

Appointment of the Director-General

- 3.2 The Chairperson submitted a Note to the Council at its Seventy-Third Session regarding the appointment of the Director-General for the period from 2014 to 2018 (EC-73/4, dated 9 July 2013).

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

- 3.3 The Council at its Seventieth Session noted the Financial Statements of the OPCW and the report of the External Auditor for the year ending 31 December 2011 (EC-70/DG.1 C-17/DG.4, dated 10 July 2012 and Corr. 1, dated 28 September 2012) and forwarded them to the Conference for consideration at its Seventeenth Session. The Council at this same session also received a presentation by the External Auditor, Mr Norbert Hauser (EC-70/2, dated 26 September 2012).

- 3.4 The Council at its Seventy-Third Session noted the Notes by the Secretariat on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor (EC-71/S/3, dated 29 January 2013; EC-73/S/4*, dated 12 June 2013).
- 3.5 Further to the consideration of the issue at its Seventy-Second Session, the Council at its Seventy-Third Session noted a report by the Director-General on the implementation in 2012 of the recommendations contained in the 2011 annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight (OIO) (EC-72/DG.3, dated 2 April 2013)

Status report on the Verification Information System

- 3.6 The Council at its Seventy-First Session noted a status report on the Verification Information System (EC-71/S/1, dated 16 January 2013).

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

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

The Conference at its Seventeenth Session emphasised the full, effective and non-discriminatory implementation of all provisions of Article XI. The Conference recalled the decision on Article XI of the Convention (C-16/DEC.10), which 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 implement that decision, with progress to be reviewed by the Conference at its Eighteenth Session.

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION OR ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES AT ITS EIGHTEENTH SESSION¹

Draft report of the OPCW for 2012

The Council at its Seventy-Third 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 2012” (EC-73/7 C-18/CRP.1), and forwarded it to the Conference for consideration at its Eighteenth Session.

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.

¹ 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 2012 to 19 July 2013.

- 6.3 At the end of the reporting period, the Council also kept under consideration the matters contained in EC-73/INF.1.

7. REPORTS TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Reports of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters

- 7.1 The Council at its Seventieth Session considered and noted the report of the Thirty-Third Session of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters (ABAF), which took place from 27 to 30 August 2012 (ABAF-33/1, dated 30 August 2012), and a Note by the Director-General containing comments on the report of the ABAF at that session (EC-70/DG.16, dated 20 September 2012).
- 7.2 The Council at its Seventy-Third Session noted the report of the Thirty-Fourth Session of the ABAF, which took place from 27 to 29 May 2013 (ABAF-34/1, dated 29 May 2013), and a Note by the Director-General containing comments on the report of the ABAF at that session (EC-73/DG.10, dated 10 July 2013), and endorsed the recommendations contained therein.

Appointments to the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters

- 7.3 The Council at its Seventy-Second Session noted the Note by the Secretariat on the nomination of membership of the ABAF (EC-72/S/1, dated 25 March 2013) and approved the nomination of Mr Jiang Bo of China to the ABAF, to replace Ms Jiang Ning, retroactive to the date of the letter of nomination for Mr Bo (11 March 2013).
- 7.4 The Council at its Seventy-Third Session noted a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the ABAF (EC-73/S/5, dated 15 July 2013) and approved the re-appointment of Ms Mary B. Rios to the ABAF, retroactive to the date of her letter of nomination (10 July 2013).
- 7.5 The Council at this same session also noted a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the ABAF (EC-73/S/6, dated 16 July 2013) and approved the nomination of Ms Gönke Roscher of Germany to the ABAF, to replace Mr Artur Brunner, retroactive to the date of her letter of nomination (10 July 2013).

Report of the Scientific Advisory Board

- 7.6 The report of the Nineteenth Session of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) (SAB-19/1, dated 12 September 2012) was circulated to the members of the Council at its Seventy-First Session, as was a Note by the Director-General in response to the report of the Nineteenth Session of the SAB (EC-71/DG.1, dated 5 November 2012).

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight for 2012

- 7.7 The Council at its Seventy-Third Session considered and noted the annual report of the OIO for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2012 which the Director-General had submitted to it, along with his comments (EC-72/DG.2 C-18/DG.3, dated 2 April 2013), 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 Eighteenth Session.

Report of the Security Audit and Assessment Team

- 7.8 The Council at its Seventy-First Session noted a Note by the Director-General on the report of the Security Audit and Assessment Team (EC-71/DG.6, dated 7 January 2013).

Report by the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

- 7.9 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 Seventieth Session considered and noted a report by the Host Country Committee on the performance of its activities from February to August 2012, and submitted it to the Conference for consideration at its Seventeenth Session (EC-70/HCC/1/Rev.1 C-17/HCC/2/Rev.1, dated 27 September 2012).
- 7.10 The Council at its Seventy-First Session noted the report by the Host Country Committee on the performance of its activities from September 2012 to January 2013 (EC-71/HCC/1 C-18/HCC/1, dated 13 February 2013).
- 7.11 At the Seventy-Second and Seventy-Third Sessions of the Council it was reaffirmed that all unresolved items would continue to remain on the agenda of the Host Country Committee until resolved.

Annex:

Actions Taken by the Conference of the States Parties at its Seventeenth Session in Response to Recommendations Made by the Executive Council at its Seventieth Session

Attachment

NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT²

**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

To date, approximately 50,000 items of ACWs have been found at over 90 locations within China. This figure includes those items that have already been destroyed. (Quoted from EC-73/DG.11) However, this number does not include estimated 300,000 to 400,000 items buried at Haerbaling, nor does it include items yet to be declared.

As at 4 July 2013, the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) had verified the destruction of 37,012 chemical weapons abandoned by Japan on the territory of China. This figure accounts for all items of ACWs that were declared at Nanjing, items transferred to Nanjing for destruction from surrounding locations, and items destroyed at the mobile destruction facility (MDF) in Shijiazhuang. (Quoted from EC-73/DG.11)

As at 4 July 2013, the Secretariat had verified the destruction of 1,339 ACW items at the Shijiazhuang MDF since the commencement of destruction operations in December 2012. China and Japan have held continuous bilateral discussions on the progress of destruction at the MDF in Shijiazhuang since the site restarted destruction operations in May 2013 after they suspended due to severe winter weather conditions. (Quoted from EC-73/DG.11)

[B]oth China and Japan have informed the Secretariat that preparations are ongoing for the launch of destruction operations in Haerbaling. The manufacture of the destruction units (a static and a controlled detonation chamber) has been completed. (Quoted from EC-71/DG.11)

China, in its recently submitted progress report (EC-72/NAT.4, dated 22 April 2013), indicated that personnel from the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of

² Attached pursuant to paragraph 11.2 of the Report of the Executive Council at its Seventy-Fourth Session (EC-74/5, dated 11 October 2013)

National Defence, Customs Administration, had travelled to Japan to inspect the equipment being constructed for destruction operations and to receive manufacturers' briefings. Japan, also in its recently submitted progress report (EC-72/NAT.1, dated 18 April 2013), indicated that major parts for the destruction equipment for Haerbaling had been shipped from Japan and that work on infrastructure construction was continuing. (Quoted from EC-72/DG.9)

China and Japan continue to make progress with preparations for the launch of destruction operations in Haerbaling. The manufacture of the two destruction units was completed in 2012 and major parts arrived in China in mid-March 2013. (Quoted from EC-73/DG.11)

Finally, the destruction of chemical weapons abandoned by Japan on the territory of China is scheduled to continue based on the destruction plan jointly reported to the Council by Japan and China (EC-67/NAT.11), which includes timeframes for the destruction of ACWs by Japan with appropriate cooperation by China. (Quoted from EC-73/DG.11)

3. Activities of the Council

Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6), the Council conducted substantive review on the implementation of the decision, including the progress made for the destruction of ACWs referred to in operative paragraph 8, which is reflected in the Report of the Executive Council on the Performance of its Activities in the Period from 16 July 2011 to 13 July 2012 (EC-70/4 C-17/2, dated 28 September 2012), to which a Note by the Secretariat is attached.

While welcoming the progress of the destruction and close cooperation between relevant States Parties, 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 abovementioned decision. (Quoted from EC-70/5)

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The Council welcomed the review of the destruction of abandoned chemical weapons conducted by the Third Review Conference and the report of the Third Review Conference (RC-3/3*, dated 19 April 2013) relating to abandoned chemical weapons issues. The Council also welcomed the planned visit of Chairperson of the Council,

the Director-General and a delegation representing the Council to Haerbaling abandoned chemical weapons site, jointly invited by China and Japan. (Quoted from EC-72/4)

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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 with Respect to the Destruction of the Chemical Weapons Abandoned by Japan in the People’s Republic of China” (EC-70/DG.17, dated 21 September 2012 and Corr.1, dated 27 September 2012). (Quoted from EC-70/5)

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-71/DG.11, dated 4 February 2013). (Quoted from EC-71/3)

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-72/DG.9, dated 3 May 2013 and Corr.1, dated 6 May 2013). (Quoted from EC-72/4)

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4. Reference documents

(a) National papers

- (i) China (EC-70/NAT.3, dated 14 September 2012; EC-71/NAT.4, dated 21 January 2013; EC-72/NAT.4, dated 22 April 2013; and EC-73/NAT.4, dated 3 July 2013); and
- (ii) Japan (EC-70/NAT.4, dated 14 September 2012; EC-71/NAT.3/Rev.1, dated 18 January 2013; EC-72/NAT.1, dated 18 April 2013; and EC-73/NAT.2, dated 14 June 2013).

- (b) Reports by the Director-General (EC-70/DG.17, dated 21 September 2012 and Corr.1, dated 27 September 2012; EC-71/DG.11, dated 4 February 2013; EC-72/DG.9, dated 3 May 2013 and Corr.1, dated 6 May 2013; and EC-73/DG.11, dated 11 July 2013)
- (c) Report of the Executive Council on the Performance of its Activities in the Period from 16 July 2011 to 13 July 2012 (EC-70/4 C-17/2, dated 28 September 2012)

Annex

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES AT ITS SEVENTEENTH SESSION IN RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AT ITS SEVENTIETH SESSION

Chemical industry and other Article VI issues

1. Pursuant to a recommendation by the Council at its Seventieth Session (paragraph 4.2 of EC-70/5, dated 28 September 2012), the Conference considered the issue of “Understanding on access to records during Schedule 2, Schedule 3, and DOC/PSF plant-site inspections” (item II.3 of EC-70/INF.1) closed and not requiring any further action.
2. Pursuant to a recommendation by the Council at its Seventieth Session (EC-70/DEC.4), the Conference adopted a decision on guidelines for the number, intensity, duration, timing and mode of inspections at Schedule 1 single small-scale facilities and at other Schedule 1 facilities (C-17/DEC.8, dated 28 November 2012). The Conference welcomed the intention of the Secretariat to provide written information to States Parties on the procedures developed for implementing the guidelines.

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

3. Further to a decision by the Conference at its Fourteenth Session regarding the implementation of Article VII obligations (C-14/DEC.12), 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 27 July 2012: Article VII(1)(a) to (c) and Other Obligations” (EC-70/DG.3 C-17/DG.6); the report by the Director-General on the “Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 27 July 2012: Further Obligations Pursuant to Article VII” (EC-70/DG.4 C-17/DG.7); 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 27 July 2012” (EC-70/DG.5 C-17/DG.8).
4. The Conference emphasised the full and effective implementation of all provisions of Article VII. The Conference urged all States Parties which have not yet completed implementation of their Article VII national measures to do so. The Conference urged the Secretariat and all the States Parties to provide assistance and technical support to those States Parties to adopt the necessary measures, according to their constitutional processes. The Conference suggested that proposals should be explored, based on tailor-made, results-based measures, through continuation of consultations by the facilitator.

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

5. The Conference noted a report by the Director-General entitled “Progress Report on and the Status of Implementation of Article XI of the Chemical Weapons Convention for the Period 1 January to 15 August 2012” (EC-70/DG.10/Rev.1 C-17/DG.11/Rev.1)
6. The Conference emphasised the full, effective and non-discriminatory implementation of all provisions of Article XI. The Conference recalled the decision on Article XI of the Convention (C-16/DEC.10), which 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 implement that decision, with progress to be reviewed by the Conference at its Eighteenth Session.

Ensuring the universality of the Convention

7. The Conference noted the annual report by the Director-General on the implementation of the action plan for universality of the Convention during the period from 16 September 2011 to 15 August 2012 (EC-70/DG.14 C-17/DG.13).
8. The Conference welcomed the efforts of the Secretariat towards achieving universality, especially the recent joint letters by the United Nations Secretary-General and the Director-General to the eight countries that are not yet States Parties to the Convention. The Conference encouraged the States Parties and the Secretariat to increase their efforts towards that end.

Annual report of the Executive Council on the performance of its activities in the period from 16 July 2011 to 13 July 2012

9. The Conference noted the report of the Council on the performance of its activities in the period from 16 July 2011 to 13 July 2012 (EC-70/4 C-17/2). The report was introduced by the Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Bhaswati Mukherjee of India, who also briefed the Conference on the developments that had taken place since the cut-off date for the report.
10. The Conference also noted the Note by the Secretariat on “The Destruction of Chemical Weapons Abandoned by Japan in the People’s Republic of China” attached to EC-70/4 C-17/2, pursuant to paragraph 9.2 of the report of the Council at its Seventieth Session (EC-70/5).

Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2013, submitted by the Executive Council, and all items pertaining to this Budget

11. 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 2013, which the Council had submitted to it (C-17/DEC.4, dated 27 November 2012).

12. The Medium-Term Plan for the period from 2013 to 2015 (EC-70/S/1 C-17/S/1 and Corr.1) was circulated to the Member States, along with the Draft Programme and Budget for 2013.

External Auditor's report on the audited financial statements of the OPCW for 2011

13. The Conference noted the financial statements of the OPCW and the report of the External Auditor for the year ending 31 December 2011 (EC-70/DG.1 C-17/DG.4 and Corr.1), forwarded to it by the Council in accordance with Regulation 13.10 of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules.

OPCW income and expenditure for the financial year to 30 June 2012; and the cash situation and the use of the Working Capital Fund for the financial year to 31 August 2012

14. The Council at its Seventieth 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 2012 (EC-70/DG.2 C-17/DG.5 and Corr.1). The Conference noted this report.
15. Further to a decision by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session (subparagraph 3(n) of C-16/DEC.12, dated 2 December 2011), the Conference noted 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 2012 (EC-70/DG.11 C-17/DG.12).

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

16. Pursuant to a decision by the Conference at its Eleventh Session (C-11/DEC.5), the Conference considered and noted the report on the status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans (EC-70/DG.6 C-17/DG.9).

Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the OPCW

17. Pursuant to the recommendation by the Council at its Seventieth Session regarding the amendments to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the OPCW (EC-70/DEC.1), the Conference adopted a decision containing the proposed amendments (C-17/DEC.6, dated 27 November 2012).

Amendment to the OPCW Staff Regulations

18. Pursuant to the recommendation by the Council at its Seventieth Session regarding the amendment to the OPCW Staff Regulations (EC-70/DEC.2, dated 28 September 2012) and Staff Regulation 12.1, the Conference adopted a decision containing the proposed amendment (C-17/DEC.7, dated 27 November 2012).

The OPCW Programme for Africa

19. The Conference noted the Note by the Director-General on the Programme to Strengthen Cooperation with Africa on the Chemical Weapons Convention (EC-70/DG.9 C-17/DG.10).

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

20. The Conference considered and noted the report by the Host Country Committee on the performance of its activities, for the period from February to August 2012 (EC-70/HCC/1/Rev.1 C-17/HCC/2/Rev.1).

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