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### Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

## Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 20 February 2023

[without reference to a Main Committee (A/77/L.49/Rev.1)]

### 77/272. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution [75/265](#) of 3 March 2021 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons,

*Having received* the annual report for 2020 of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons on the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction,<sup>1</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the annual report for 2020 of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons submitted on its behalf by its Director General;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the ongoing work of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons with regard to the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;<sup>2</sup>

3. *Commends* the continued work of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons to enhance the capacity of States parties and the Organisation to use chemistry for peaceful purposes and respond to threats involving toxic chemicals, including through the development of a Centre for Chemistry and Technology as a platform where the Technical Secretariat and States parties can learn,

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<sup>1</sup> See [A/76/654](#).

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1974, No. 33757.



exchange views and work in common purpose to further achieve the object and purpose of the Convention;

4. *Welcomes* the effective and ongoing cooperation between the United Nations and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons as set out in the Agreement concerning the Relationship between the United Nations and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons;<sup>3</sup>

5. *Notes with appreciation* the participation of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact;

6. *Recalls* the report of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction on its fourth special session, held in The Hague on 26 and 27 June 2018, and also recalls the decision adopted at the special session entitled “Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use”;

7. *Notes* the establishment of the Investigation and Identification Team of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons as announced at the ninety-first session of the Executive Council of the Organisation in a note by the Technical Secretariat, EC-91/S/3, dated 28 June 2019, entitled “Work of the Investigation and Identification Team established by decision C-SS-4/DEC.3 (dated 27 June 2018)”, in which all States parties were informed about the establishment of the Investigation and Identification Team with the purpose of identifying, in compliance with C-SS-4/DEC.3, the perpetrators of the use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic;

8. *Takes note with grave concern* of the first report of the Investigation and Identification Team pursuant to paragraph 10 of decision C-SS-4/DEC.3, entitled “Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use: Ltamenah (Syrian Arab Republic) – 24, 25, and 30 March 2017”, released on 8 April 2020,<sup>4</sup> the second report of the Investigation and Identification Team, entitled “Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use: Saraqib (Syrian Arab Republic) – 4 February 2018”, released on 12 April 2021,<sup>5</sup> and the third report of the Investigation and Identification Team, entitled “Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use: Douma (Syrian Arab Republic) – 7 April 2018”, released on 27 January 2023,<sup>6</sup> and expresses appreciation for the work done in this regard;

9. *Takes note* of Executive Council decision EC-94/DEC.2, dated 9 July 2020, entitled “Addressing the possession and use of chemical weapons by the Syrian Arab Republic”,<sup>7</sup> and welcomes the transmission of that decision and its associated reports to the Security Council and the General Assembly through the Secretary-General;

10. *Also takes note* of decision C-25/DEC.9, dated 21 April 2021, of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention, entitled “Addressing the possession and use of chemical weapons by the Syrian Arab Republic”;<sup>8</sup>

11. *Recalls* Security Council resolution [2118 \(2013\)](#) of 27 September 2013, in which, inter alia, the Council requested the Director General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons to report to the Security Council, through the Secretary-General, on a monthly basis, on the implementation of resolution [2118](#)

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., vol. 2160, No. 1240.

<sup>4</sup> See [S/2020/310](#), annex.

<sup>5</sup> See [S/2021/371](#), annex.

<sup>6</sup> See [S/2023/81](#), annex.

<sup>7</sup> See [A/74/959-S/2020/724](#), annex.

<sup>8</sup> See [A/75/871-S/2021/425](#), annex.

(2013) and the decision of the Executive Council of the Organisation of 27 September 2013,<sup>9</sup> also recalls paragraph 5 of Security Council resolution 2209 (2015) of 6 March 2015, in which the Council welcomed the intention of the Director General to include future reports of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons fact-finding mission in the Syrian Arab Republic, which was mandated to establish the facts surrounding allegations of the use of toxic chemicals for hostile purposes in the Syrian Arab Republic, as part of his monthly report to the Council, notes in this regard the transmission by the Director General of all monthly reports, as well as all reports of the fact-finding mission, during the reporting period, and expresses appreciation for the work done in this regard;

12. *Welcomes* the monitoring by the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons of developments related to any possible use of chemical weapons arising from the aggression against Ukraine;

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-ninth session, under the item entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations”, the sub-item entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons”.

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<sup>9</sup> Security Council resolution 2118 (2013), annex I.