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**REQUEST FOR CIRCULATION OF A DOCUMENT
AT THE 106TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

The Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the OPCW has requested that a note verbale addressed to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW (dated 10 July 2024) be circulated as an official document of the 106th Session of the Executive Council.

Annex: Note Verbale from the Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW Dated 10 July 2024



Annex

**NOTE VERBALE FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE
RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT OF THE OPCW
DATED 10 JULY 2024**



**ПОСТОЯННОЕ ПРЕДСТАВИТЕЛЬСТВО
РОССИЙСКОЙ ФЕДЕРАЦИИ
ПРИ ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ПО ЗАПРЕЩЕНИЮ
ХИМИЧЕСКОГО ОРУЖИЯ**

PERMANENT REPRESENTATION
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
TO THE ORGANISATION FOR THE
PROHIBITION
OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS

№ 40

The Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) presents its compliments to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW and in response to a Note Verbale of the Permanent Representation of Germany to the OPCW (EC-106/NAT.4 dated July 1, 2024), as well as in view of the ongoing attempts of the Kiev regime with active inducement and support from its key sponsors, in this case – Germany together with Albania, Canada, the Czech Republic, France, Japan Italy, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America – to accuse the Russian Federation of violating its obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), has the honour to draw attention of the Technical Secretariat and the States Parties to the CWC to the following.

**TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT
OF THE OPCW
The Hague**

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The Russian Federation has repeatedly pointed out that wrongful accusations leveled against the Russian Armed Forces of allegedly planning to use, including "under a false flag", toxic chemicals or Riot Control Agents (RCAs) for CWC prohibited purposes in the special military operation (SMO) zone, are absolutely groundless. Such accusations are actually aimed at concealing the relevant crimes and provocations of the armed formations of the Kiev regime, as well as foreign mercenaries, terrorists and representatives of the special services of NATO countries fighting within their ranks. This, in particular, is indirectly confirmed by the Permanent Representation of Germany to the OPCW in its Note Verbale No. 44/2023 dated 26 October 2023. In this Note Verbale the German side openly recognizes the abuse of provisions of Article IX of the CWC, by stating that it makes its unfounded claims, not only without any evidence, but also without simply having in its possession any information about the alleged violations by the Russian Federation of its obligations under the CWC.

With regard to the commentary of a certain serviceman to Russian TV Channel One dated 2 May 2023, the Russian Federation recalls Germany that it has repeatedly commented on this situation at the 103rd and 104th sessions of the OPCW Executive Council, the 28th session of the Conference of the States Parties to the CWC, as well as in the Note Verbale of the Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the OPCW No.38 dated 12 October 2023 (document EC-104/NAT.7 dated 12 October 2023). Given that the German side again operates with questionable data and has not provided any specific information, the Russian Federation considers this matter exhausted.

Attempts to make very serious accusations against the Russian Federation on the basis of provocative information posted in a Telegram channel of dubious origin and content indicate

the dishonesty and bias of the authors of this request and their inability to substantially elaborate their position in practice.

As regards the RT Channel story broadcasted on 28 May 2024, we emphasize once again that we consider it unacceptable to launch accusations against a State Party to the CWC on the basis of media or social media materials that do not always correspond to specific realities. It is obvious that in this case, as in the case of the Channel One report dated 2 May 2023, there could be the use of smoke camouflage grenades or similar thermite-incendiary ammunition, which is not prohibited under the CWC and is confirmed by the video footage presented in the plot.

The Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the OPCW draws attention to the fact that the direct involvement of Western countries in the aggression against Russia is expressed, *inter alia*, in providing material and technical assistance to the Kiev regime in the murder of Russian citizens. As a part of the anti-Russian campaign they encourage extreme russophobia used in the media controlled by NATO countries, the European Union and their partners, as well as on social networks. The anti-democratic ban imposed by this group of countries on any Russian media, both state and non-state, as well as the constant manipulation of public opinion and distortion of facts are part of this campaign. The Notes Verbales of the Permanent Representation of Germany to the OPCW on behalf of a number of its allies and partners in the aggressive NATO bloc and the European Union also serve as a clear illustration to these campaign.

We note that official information on issues related to the SMO comes exclusively from authorized persons of the Russian Federation, primarily the press service of the Executive Office of the President of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Defense and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

The Russian Federation again calls upon the German side to clarify the reason for which it and its allies are turning a blind eye to the crimes of the Kiev regime documented by the Russian Ministry of Defense and ignore the available open-source materials, including on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation on 11 October 2023 and 29 February 2024, which serves as evidence of the repeated violations of the CWC by armed formations and terrorist entities of the Kiev regime.

The Russian Federation reiterates that it considers this situation as a deliberate abuse of the provisions of Article IX on the part of Germany, as well as Albania, Canada, the Czech Republic, France, Japan Italy, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

The Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the OPCW requests the Technical Secretariat to convey a copy of this Note Verbale to the Permanent Representation of Germany to the OPCW, circulate it to all States Parties to the CWC and make available on the OPCW public website and Catalyst platform as an official document of the 106th session of the Executive Council.

The Permanent Representation avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Technical Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.



The Hague, « 10 » July, 2024