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**REQUEST FOR CIRCULATION OF A DOCUMENT
AT THE 107TH 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 3 October 2024) be circulated as an official document of the 107th Session of the Executive Council.

Annex: Note Verbale from the Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW Dated 3 October 2024



Annex

**NOTE VERBALE FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE
RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT OF THE OPCW
DATED 3 OCTOBER 2024**

Courtesy translation



**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**

№ 51

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 has the honour to bring to the attention of the Technical Secretariat and the States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) the following.

In violation of key provisions of the CWC, Ukrainian armed formations continue to use toxic chemicals, including those listed in the Annex on Chemicals to the CWC, and riot control agents (RCAs) against Russian servicemen and civil population in the area where the special military operation is carried out, which was repeatedly reported by the Russian Federation to the leadership of the Technical Secretariat, the States Parties to the CWC as well as the Security Council and the UN General Assembly. Information on a number of cases when the Ukrainian side was preparing to use and used toxic chemicals is provided as clear evidence accompanied by the confirming results of the analysis conducted by the OPCW designated laboratory.

**TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT
OF THE ORGANISATION FOR
THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL
WEAPONS**

The Hague

1. On 3 August 2023, the Ukrainian armed formations dropped an unknown irritant agent from a helicopter-type UAV on the Russian military positions in the area of Rabotino, Zaporozhye region. The servicemen showed such signs of exposure as irritation of mucous membranes, cough and chest pain. The laboratory analysis identified chloropicrin, a substance listed in Schedule 3 of the Annex on Chemicals to the CWC, in the selected sample.

2. On 11 August 2023, the Ukrainian armed formations dropped an unknown irritant agent from a helicopter-type UAV on the Russian military positions in the area of Rabotino, Zaporozhye region. The servicemen showed such signs of exposure as eyes irritation and stomach ache.

3. On 30 March 2024, the Ukrainian armed formations carried out up to ten attacks with the use of an unknown irritant agent, having dropped it from a helicopter-type UAV, against the positions of the motorised rifle units of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation in the area of Kurdyumovka, the Donetsk People's Republic of the Russian Federation. As a result of the attack two Russian servicemen were killed and one serviceman was hospitalized with signs of severe injury. The laboratory analysis of the contents of the gas mask canister of one of the deceased servicemen identified such chemicals as hexachloroethane and 2-chlorobenzalmalononitrile (CS).

4. On 1 April 2024, during reconnaissance and search operations in the village of Yasinovataya, the Donetsk People's Republic of the Russian Federation, a cache of weapons and ammunition was found in an abandoned building that also contained two improvised devices consisting of seven vials with unknown substances (two vials containing white powder, four vials filled with dark liquid and one vial with grey-coloured substance). Chemical analysis of the substances identified the white powder as phenol (a highly hazardous chemical), the dark liquid as chloropicrin (Schedule 3 of the Annex on Chemicals to the CWC), and

the grey-coloured substance as C4 plastic explosive. Ukrainian militants planned to use the discovered devices as improvised chemical munitions.

Encl.: pp.

The results of the chemical analysis carried out by the OPCW designated laboratory are attached for information and are classified as OPCW Highly Protected.

The Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the OPCW, referring to the Annex on the Protection of Confidential Information to the CWC, requests that the OPCW Technical Secretariat circulate this note with the attachment as an official document of the 107th Session of the OPCW Executive Council and publish it (without the OPCW Highly Protected attachment) on the official Organisation's website as well as on the Catalyst platform.

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



The Hague, « 23 » October, 2024

Attachment: EC-107/HP/NAT.4, dated 3 October 2024

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