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**RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**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 9 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 9 October 2024



**Annex**

**NOTE VERBALE FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE  
RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT OF THE OPCW  
DATED 9 OCTOBER 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

№ 54

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 connection with the Technical Secretariat's Note Verbale NV/ODG-601/24 dated 7 October, 2024 has the honour to state the following.

The Russian Federation rejects the accusations made by the Technical Secretariat that the term "OPCW designated laboratory" used in its Note Verbale № 51 dated 3 October, 2024 is "misleading and incorrect" with regard to the status of the Laboratory for the Chemical and Analytical Control of the 27 Military Research Center of the Russian Federation. This laboratory received its certifications as an "OPCW Designated Laboratory" for the analysis of authentic environmental and biomedical samples (see Notes by the OPCW Director-General S/2312/2024 dated 9 August, 2024 and S/2313/2024 dated 12 August, 2024 accordingly, which contain the lists of all OPCW Designated Laboratories).

**ALL STATES PARTIES  
TO THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION**

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

**The Hague**

The Russian Federation further recalls the provisions of paragraph 56 (b) of Part II of the Verification Annex to the Chemical Weapons Convention which clearly stipulate that the Director-General shall “certify the laboratories designated to perform different types of analysis”. Furthermore, the Conference of States Parties established the conditions under which laboratories may seek certification as designated laboratory (C-I/DEC.60, C-I/DEC.61, C-I/DEC.62, C-I/DEC.65 dated 22 May, 1997), which were fulfilled by the abovementioned laboratory. Thus, it is unequivocally clear that under the CWC the “designated” status represents solely the fact that the laboratory is certified by the Director-General as “designated for analysis of authentic samples”.

Given the above the Russian Federation requests the Technical Secretariat to re-evaluate its opinion to make it intrinsically related to the CWC and decisions of the Policy-Making Organs of the OPCW and to further refrain from levelling unfounded allegations against States-Parties.

The Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the OPCW requests that the Technical Secretariat circulates this Note Verbale among States Parties and publish it 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, « 09 » October, 2024

