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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 10 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 10 October 2024



**Annex**

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

№ 56

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 (further the Technical Secretariat) and further to its Note Verbale № 54 dated 9 October, 2024 and in connection with the Notes Verbale of the Technical Secretariat NV/ODG-601/24 dated 7 October, 2024 and NV/ODG-603/24 dated 10 October, 2024 has the honour to state the following.

The Russian Federation expresses its profound astonishment with the insistence of the Technical Secretariat and several States Parties to misrepresent the Note Verbale of the Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the OPCW № 51 dated 3 October, 2024 (EC-107/NAT.4) as if it implies involvement of the OPCW in preparing the attached thereto reports by the Laboratory for the Chemical and Analytical Control of the 27 Military Research Center of the Russian Federation – an OPCW Designated Laboratory (see Notes by the OPCW Director-General S/2312/2024 dated 9 August, 2024 and S/2313/2024

**TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT  
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dated 12 August, 2024 accordingly, which contain the lists of all OPCW Designated Laboratories) – as certified by the Director-General on the analysis of samples on the cases mentioned in the Note Verbale.

The Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation insists that nothing in its Note Verbale OPCW № 51 dated 3 October, 2024 (EC-107/NAT.4) indicates that the OPCW designated Laboratory for the Chemical and Analytical Control of the 27 Military Research Center of the Russian Federation acted upon any request from the Director-General.

The above-mentioned communication of the Russian Federation to the Technical Secretariat and States Parties was fully in line with Article VIII of the CWC. Its paragraph 38 (d) provides that the Technical Secretariat shall inter alia receive communications on behalf of the Organisation from States Parties on matters pertaining to the implementation of the CWC.

The Russian Federation is deeply concerned with the way the Technical Secretariat has acted on the matter in violation of Article VIII of the CWC. In particular, its paragraph 40 provides for resolution and clarification of any problem through consultations with the State Party concerned before informing the Executive Council.

The Technical Secretariat has clearly demonstrated its prejudice and partiality. Instead of approaching the delegation of the Russian Federation to address its concerns in a constructive manner on a bilateral basis, the Technical Secretariat chose the path of confrontation with the delegation by issuing a Note Verbale of dubious substance and making misleading and inaccurate statements.

We regard such actions as a deliberate attempt to divert attention of the States Parties from the substance of our communication – the confirmed use of toxic chemicals and riot control agents by Ukrainian armed formations against Russian military forces – towards irrelevant terminological minutiae.

The Russian Federation reiterates that in executing its functions the Technical Secretariat must observe the provisions of the CWC as well as maintain the independent, neutral and responsible character of its work.

The Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the OPCW requests that the Technical Secretariat circulates this Note Verbale as an official document of the 107th Session of the OPCW Executive Council 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 high consideration.

The Hague, «  » October, 2024