



ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES 25 – 29 NOVEMBER 2024

This revised annotated provisional agenda¹ has been prepared by the Technical Secretariat (the Secretariat) to guide and assist Member States in their substantive preparations for the Twenty-Ninth Session of the Conference of the States Parties (the Conference). It lists the items of business for the session in the sequence in which they appear in the provisional agenda set out for it (see paragraph 4 below) (C-29/1, dated 9 July 2024).

1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the session

- 1.1 The Conference at its Twenty-Sixth Session decided to hold its Twenty-Ninth Session from 25 November to 29 November 2024 (paragraph 25.3 of C-26/5, dated 2 December 2021). The Twenty-Ninth Session will open on 25 November 2024 at 10:00 in the King Willem-Alexander Theater in the World Forum. The Chairperson of the Conference for its Twenty-Eighth Session, Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar of Pakistan, will open the Twenty-Ninth Session.
- 1.2 In accordance with Rule 30 of its Rules of Procedure, the Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the attendance and participation by non-signatory States (C-29/DEC/CRP.9, dated 21 November 2024).
- 1.3 In accordance with Rules 31 and 32 of its Rules of Procedure, the Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the attendance and participation by international organisations, specialised agencies, and other international bodies (C-29/DEC/CRP.10/Rev.1, dated 22 November 2024).
- 1.4 In accordance with the recommendations of the Third Review Conference² (RC-3/3*, dated 19 April 2013), the Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on attendance and participation by the chemical industry and the scientific community (C-29/DEC/CRP.2, dated 21 October 2024).

¹ This document is issued for information purposes only and does not supersede in any way the provisional agenda for the Twenty-Ninth Session of the Conference of the States Parties, or prejudice the outcome of its deliberations.

² Review Conference = Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.



- 1.5 In accordance with Rule 33 of its Rules of Procedure, the Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on attendance and participation by non-governmental organisations (C-29/DEC/CRP.11, dated 21 November 2024).

2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Election of the Chairperson

Paragraph 15 of Article VIII of the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Convention) provides, inter alia, that the Conference shall elect its Chairperson at the beginning of each regular session, and that the Chairperson shall hold office until a new Chairperson is elected at the next regular session.

3. AGENDA ITEM THREE – Election of Vice-Chairpersons and other officers

In accordance with Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, the Conference shall elect 10 Vice-Chairpersons of the Conference, the Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole, and such other officers as it may decide to elect, having due regard to equitable geographical representation. Rule 35 states that such officers of the Conference shall hold office until their successors are elected at its next regular session.

4. AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, any request for the inclusion in the agenda of supplementary items must be received not later than 30 days before the date set for the opening of any regular session. Because the Director-General had received no such request by 26 October 2024, the Conference is **requested**, subject to the recommendation of the General Committee, to approve the following agenda, which was circulated in C-29/1.

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AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-FOUR – Any other business

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-FIVE – Adoption of the report of the Conference of the States Parties

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-SIX – Closure

5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – Organisation of work and establishment of subsidiary bodies

The Conference is **requested** to consider such recommendations as the General Committee may make to it in accordance with Rule 43(b) of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, and to take such action as it deems appropriate.

6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – Appointment of the Credentials Committee

Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference provides that a Credentials Committee shall be appointed at the beginning of each session of the Conference; that it shall consist of 10 members, who shall be appointed by the Conference on the proposal of its Chairperson; that it shall elect its own officers; and that it shall examine the credentials of all representatives and report without delay to the Conference.

7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Opening statement by the Director-General

The Conference is **requested** to note the opening statement by the Director-General (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – General debate

8.1 Delegations are invited to register for the list of speakers for the general debate using the iMeet portal (<https://catalyst.opcw.org/sites/imeet>) between 18 November 2024 at 9:00 (CET) and 21 November 2024 at 18:00 (CET). The list of speakers will be published on the iMeet portal on 22 November 2024.

8.2 Delegations are requested to provide their regional or national statements to the Secretariat for the Policy-Making Organs via the iMeet portal between 18 November 2024 at 9:00 (CET) and 21 November 2024 at 18:00 (CET). These statements will be circulated, as provided, to all States Parties via the Organisation’s external server before the beginning of the general debate. Delegations are kindly requested to provide a courtesy translation of their statements provided in a language other than English.

8.3 Further “Practical information for Delegates” is available on INDICO (<https://indico.un.org/e/CSP-29>).

9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – Status of implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention

Subitem 9(a): Progress report on the implementation of the plan of action regarding the implementation of Article VII obligations

9.1 Further to a decision by the Conference at its Fourteenth Session regarding the implementation of Article VII obligations (C-14/DEC.12, dated 4 December 2009), the Conference is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the “Overview of the Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2024” (EC-107/DG.9 C-29/DG.8, dated 26 August 2024); a report by the Director-General on the “Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2024: Initial Measures” (EC-107/DG.10 C-29/DG.9, dated 26 August 2024); and a report by the Director-General on the “Status of Implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention as at 31 July 2024: Additional Measures for States Parties That Possess Industrial Facilities Which Are Declarable under the Convention” (EC-107/DG.11 C-29/DG.10, dated 26 August 2024).

Subitem 9(b): Implementation of the regime governing the handling of confidential information by the Technical Secretariat in 2023

9.2 The Conference is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the regime governing the handling of confidential information by the Secretariat in 2023 (EC-105/DG.11 C-29/DG.1, dated 20 February 2024).

Subitem 9(c): Implementation of the Conference of the States Parties and Executive Council decisions on destruction-related issues

- 9.3 The States Parties concerned are expected to provide an update to the Conference on their destruction-related activities.

Subitem 9(d): Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use

- 9.4 The Conference at its Fourth Special Session adopted a decision entitled “Addressing the Threat from Chemical Weapons Use” (C-SS-4/DEC.3, dated 27 June 2018). Since the previous regular session of the Conference, and pursuant to paragraph 24 of the above-mentioned decision, the following documents have been circulated to the Executive Council (the Council): EC-105/DG.14 (dated 27 February 2024); EC-106/DG.15 (dated 27 June 2024); and EC-107/DG.21 (dated 30 September 2024).
- 9.5 At its Twenty-Fifth Session, the Conference adopted a decision entitled “Addressing the Possession and Use of Chemical Weapons by the Syrian Arab Republic” (C-25/DEC.9, dated 21 April 2021). Since the previous regular session of the Conference, and pursuant to paragraph 8 of the above-mentioned decision, the following documents have been circulated to the Council: EC-105/DG.3 (dated 22 December 2023); EC-105/DG.6 (dated 24 January 2024); EC-105/DG.12 (dated 23 February 2024); EC-106/DG.2 (dated 25 March 2024); EC-106/DG.5 (dated 24 April 2024); EC-106/DG.7 (dated 24 May 2024); EC-106/DG.14 (dated 24 June 2024); EC-107/DG.5 (dated 24 July 2024); EC-107/DG.8 (dated 23 August 2024); EC-107/DG.20 (dated 24 September 2024); and EC-108/DG.1 (dated 25 October 2024).
- 9.6 At its Twenty-Eighth Session, the Conference adopted a decision entitled “Addressing the Threat from Chemical Weapons Use and the Threat of Future Use” (C-28/DEC.12, dated 30 November 2023). The Secretariat is reporting on the elements in the decision in accordance with existing reporting obligations, including through the reports listed above.

10. AGENDA ITEM TEN – Annual report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention in 2023

The Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt the draft report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Convention in 2023 (EC-106/2 C-29/CRP.1, dated 11 July 2024), which was considered and submitted to it by the Council at its 106th Session.

11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Annual report of the Executive Council on the performance of its activities

The Conference is **requested** to note the annual report of the Council on the performance of its activities for the period from 15 July 2023 to 11 May 2024, its Attachment entitled “Note by the Technical Secretariat: The Destruction of Chemical Weapons Abandoned by Japan in the People’s Republic of China”, and its Annex entitled “Actions Taken by the Conference of the States Parties at its Twenty-Eighth Session in Response to Recommendations Made by the Executive Council” (EC-106/3 C-29/2, dated 9 July 2024). The report will be introduced by the Acting Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Salima Abdelhak of Algeria, who will also brief the Conference on any developments that have taken place since the cut-off date for the report.

12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – Election of Member States to membership in the Executive Council

In accordance with paragraph 23 of Article VIII of the Convention and with Rule 83 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, the Conference is **requested** to elect 21 members to serve on the Council for a term of two years, starting on 12 May 2025. To ensure that the Council is constituted in accordance with paragraph 23 of Article VIII, the regional distribution of the elective places to be filled is to be as follows:

Africa: five elective places

Asia and the Pacific: five elective places

Eastern Europe: two elective places

Latin America and the Caribbean: four elective places

Western Europe and Other States: five elective places

13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – Mid-biennium Draft Revised Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2025, submitted by the Executive Council, and all items pertaining to this Budget

13.1 At its 107th Session, the Council noted a Note by the Director-General entitled “Financial Status of the Special Fund for Cybersecurity, Business Continuity, and Physical Infrastructure Security” (EC-107/DG.15, dated 12 September 2024).

13.2 In accordance with subparagraph 32(a) of Article VIII of the Convention, the Council at its 107th Session considered the Draft Revised Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2025 (EC-107/DG.4, dated 2 July 2024 and Corr.1, dated 20 September 2024) and submitted it, together with its recommendation, to the Conference at its Twenty-Ninth Session (EC-107/DEC.9, dated 10 October 2024).

13.3 The Conference is **requested**, pursuant to subparagraph 21(a) of Article VIII of the Convention and Regulation 3.7(a) of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, to consider and adopt a draft decision on the Draft Revised Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2025 (C-29/DEC/CRP.1, dated 21 October 2024).

14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Scale of assessments for 2025

The Conference is **requested** to adopt, pursuant to Regulations 3.7(b) and 5.2 of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, a draft decision on the scale of assessments to be paid by States Parties for the financial year 2025 (C-29/DEC/CRP.4, dated 25 October 2024).

15. AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – External Auditor’s report on the audited Financial Statements of the OPCW and the Provident Fund for 2023

At its 107th Session, the Council noted the Financial Statements of the OPCW and the report of the External Auditor for the year ending 31 December 2023 (EC-107/DG.12 C-29/DG.11, dated 27 August 2024). In accordance with Regulation 13.10 of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, the report was forwarded to the Conference, which is **requested** to note it.

16. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Appointment of the External Auditor

- 16.1 In accordance with Regulation 13.1 of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, the Conference shall appoint the External Auditor, who shall be the Auditor-General (or an officer holding an equivalent title) of a State Party, and such appointment shall be in the manner and for the period determined by the Conference and for a single period of not less than two years, but not exceeding six years.
- 16.2 Further to a decision by the Conference at its Twenty-Seventh Session (C-27/DEC.6, dated 28 November 2022), an Evaluation Panel was appointed to evaluate the nominations for the next External Auditor of the OPCW.
- 16.3 At its 107th Session, the Council considered the report of the Evaluation Panel for the Appointment of the External Auditor of the OPCW (EC-107/WP.1, dated 6 September 2024). The Council at the same session also considered and adopted a decision entitled “Appointment of the External Auditor of the OPCW” and transmitted it to the Conference for approval at its Twenty-Ninth Session (EC-107/DEC.11, dated 10 October 2024).
- 16.4 The Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the appointment of the External Auditor of the OPCW (C-29/DEC/CRP.3, dated 21 October 2024).

17. AGENDA ITEM SEVENTEEN – Administrative and financial matters

Subitem 17(a): Multi-year payment plans to regularise the payment by some States Parties of their outstanding annual contributions

- 17.1 At its Eleventh Session, the Conference adopted a decision (C-11/DEC.5, dated 7 December 2006) on a mechanism to encourage States Parties that are in arrears to regularise the payment of their outstanding annual contributions through the use of multi-year payment plans, requesting the Secretariat to submit a report to it each year, through the Council, on the status of implementation of agreed multi-year payment plans as at the end of the quarter that falls immediately before the session of the Council that precedes the session of the Conference.
- 17.2 The Conference is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Director-General reporting on the status of implementation by States Parties of agreed multi-year payment plans (EC-107/DG.6 C-29/DG.6, dated 31 July 2024) that the Council, at its 107th Session, considered and forwarded to it pursuant to the above-mentioned decision.
- 17.3 Also pursuant to C-11/DEC.5, the Council at its 107th Session recommended that the Conference at its Twenty-Ninth Session approve the payment plan submitted by the Dominican Republic to regularise the payment of its outstanding annual contributions (EC-107/DEC.5, dated 8 October 2024). The Conference is **requested** to consider and approve the plan (C-29/DEC/CRP.5, dated 25 October 2024).

Subitem 17(b): Transfers of funds during 2023

- 17.4 In accordance with Regulation 4.5 of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, all transfers between budget programmes shall be reported to the Conference. The Conference is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General on this matter (EC-106/DG.3/Rev.1 C-29/DG.2/Rev.1, dated 25 June 2024).

Subitem 17(c): Annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight for 2023

- 17.5 In accordance with Regulation 12.5 of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, the Director-General transmitted to the Conference, through the Council, the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2023, and the accompanying Note by the Director-General (EC-106/DG.6 C-29/DG.3, dated 24 April 2024), along with his own comments and any other comments made by the Council. The Conference is **requested** to note this report.

Subitem 17(d): Tenure policy

- 17.6 At its Twenty-Eighth Session, the Conference adopted a decision entitled “Amendment of the OPCW Tenure Policy” (C-28/DEC.10, dated 30 November 2023).
- 17.7 Pursuant to C-28/DEC.10, the Conference is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2023 (EC-106/DG.8 C-29/DG.4, dated 3 June 2024 and Add.1, dated 3 October 2024).

Subitem 17(e): Rehiring of inspectors

- 17.8 At its Twenty-Seventh Session, the Conference adopted a decision on the rehiring of inspectors (C-27/DEC.9, dated 28 November 2022) and decided to review the implementation of this decision at its Twenty-Ninth Session in 2024.
- 17.9 At its 107th Session, the Council adopted a decision recommending to the Conference that it extend the Director-General’s authority to rehire inspectors (EC-107/DEC.10, dated 10 October 2024), and transmitted it to the Conference for approval at its Twenty-Ninth Session. The Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the matter (C-29/DEC/CRP.7, dated 31 October 2024).

Subitem 17(f): Implementation of the Action Plan on Geographical Representation

- 17.10 At its Twenty-Eighth Session, the Conference adopted a decision entitled “Action Plan on Geographical Representation” (C-28/DEC.11, dated 30 November 2023), and tasked the Secretariat with submitting an implementation programme to the Council with a view to its adoption at its 105th Session. The Conference further decided to review, at its Twenty-Ninth Session and annually thereafter, the progress made by the Secretariat and the States Parties in the implementation of the action plan.
- 17.11 At its 105th Session, the Council, in its decision on the “Implementation of the Action Plan on Geographical Representation” (EC-105/DEC.3, dated 7 March 2024), adopted the deliverables proposed by the Secretariat as contained in Note by the Secretariat EC-105/S/6 (dated 26 February 2024).
- 17.12 The Conference is **requested** to note the “Annual Report on the Implementation of the Action Plan on Geographical Representation” (C-29/DG.16, dated 19 November 2024).

Subitem 17(g): Participation of the OPCW in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

- 17.13 At its Twenty-Eighth Session, the Conference adopted a decision on the participation of the OPCW in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF) (C-28/DEC.8, dated 27 November 2023), which authorised the Secretariat to conclude an agreement to join the UNJSPF, and tasked the Secretariat with taking all the necessary preparatory administrative actions to facilitate the OPCW's potential membership in the UNJSPF, anticipated for 1 January 2025, for approval by the Conference at its Twenty-Ninth Session.
- 17.14 At its 107th Session, the Council noted a Note by the Secretariat entitled "Participation of the OPCW in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund" (EC-107/S/6, dated 20 September 2024).
- 17.15 Also at its 107th Session, the Council adopted a decision on the matter (EC-107/DEC.6, dated 8 October 2024) containing recommendations to the Conference at its Twenty-Ninth Session.
- 17.16 The Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the matter (C-29/DEC/CRP.8, dated 14 November 2024).

Subitem 17(h): Amendments to the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules

- 17.17 At its 107th Session, the Council adopted a decision entitled "Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the OPCW" (EC-107/DEC.4, dated 8 October 2024), and transmitted it to the Conference for approval at its Twenty-Ninth Session. The Conference is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on the matter (C-29/DEC/CRP.6, dated 25 October 2024).

18. AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN – Fostering of international cooperation for peaceful purposes in the field of chemical activities

- 18.1 The Conference at its Sixteenth Session adopted a decision regarding components of an agreed framework for the full implementation of Article XI of the Convention (C-16/DEC.10, dated 1 December 2011), and requested the Secretariat to report to the Conference at each annual session on the progress of concrete measures undertaken in implementing the decision, and on the status of implementation of Article XI.
- 18.2 The Conference is **requested** to note a report by the Director-General on the progress made and review of the status of implementation of Article XI of the Convention for the period from 26 August 2023 to 25 August 2024 (EC-107/DG.7 C-29/DG.7, dated 21 August 2024 and Corr.1, dated 6 September 2024).
- 18.3 The Conference is expected to receive a report by the facilitator for Article XI issues, Mr Jamal Nasir of Pakistan, on activities held during the intersessional period.

19. AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN – Ensuring the universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention

- 19.1 The Council at its Twenty-Third Meeting adopted an action plan for the universality of the Convention (EC-M-23/DEC.3, dated 24 October 2003). The plan requested, inter alia, the Director-General to submit to the Conference at its regular sessions an annual report on the implementation of the action plan, and to keep the Council regularly informed, so that the Conference and the Council may review progress and monitor its implementation effectively.
- 19.2 The Conference is **requested** to note the annual Note by the Director-General reporting on the implementation of the action plan for the universality of the Convention during the period 16 August 2023 to 15 August 2024 (EC-107/DG.19 C-29/DG.13, dated 20 September 2024), and to take any further steps it might consider necessary.

20. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY – The OPCW Programme for Africa

The Conference is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General on the Programme to Strengthen Cooperation with Africa on the Chemical Weapons Convention (EC-106/DG.9 C-29/DG.5, dated 17 June 2024).

21. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-ONE – Engagement with the chemical industry and the scientific community

The Conference is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General on engaging the chemical industry associations (C-29/DG.15, dated 14 November 2024).

22. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-TWO – Follow-up to the Review Conferences

- 22.1 A working paper entitled “Reflections by H.E. Ambassador Henk Cor van der Kwast, Chairperson of the Fifth Review Conference on the Outcome of the Fifth Review Conference” was circulated to the Council at its 103rd Session under the symbol EC-103/WP.1 (dated 26 June 2023).

Developments in science and technology: Emerging technologies

- 22.2 The Secretariat circulated a Note by the Secretariat entitled “Artificial Intelligence and the OPCW: A Meeting with Experts” (S/2289/2024, dated 23 May 2024).
- 22.3 The “Global Conference on the Role of Artificial Intelligence in Advancing the Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention” was held in Rabat, Morocco from 22 to 24 October 2024.
- 22.4 The Conference is **requested** to consider the matter.

Engagement with civil society

- 22.5 The Conference is **requested** to note the report by Ambassador Arnaldo Brenes Castro of Costa Rica and Ambassador Thomas Schieb of Germany on the consultations on engagement with civil society (C-29/WP.1, dated 22 November 2024).

23. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-THREE – Reports of subsidiary bodies

Committee of the Whole

- 23.1 The Committee of the Whole is expected to report on the results of its consideration of those agenda items that the Conference refers to it at the recommendation of the General Committee.

General Committee

- 23.2 The Conference is **requested** to note the reports that the General Committee will prepare in accordance with Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, and to take such action as it deems appropriate.

Commission for the Settlement of Disputes Related to Confidentiality

- 23.3 The Conference is **requested** to note the report of the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Commission for the Settlement of Disputes Related to Confidentiality (CC-26/1, dated 17 May 2024).

- 23.4 The Conference is **requested** to elect 20 members of the Confidentiality Commission for a term of two years, starting from 1 May 2025. In accordance with Rule 2(b) of the Operating Procedures of the Confidentiality Commission (C-III/DEC.10/Rev.3, dated 30 November 2022), the States Parties belonging to each of the five regions specified in paragraph 23 of Article VIII of the Convention shall select four candidates from among the persons nominated by the States Parties in their region, to serve in a personal capacity. The same rule also states that the States Parties in each of the regional groups shall do their utmost, through a process of consultation, to reach consensus on their selection; that a list of 20 candidates reflecting the selection of the regional groups shall be submitted to the Conference for appointment; and that the decision on appointment shall be taken by the Conference as a matter of substance, in accordance with paragraph 18 of Article VIII of the Convention. Rule 3 of the aforementioned operating procedures stipulates that members of the Confidentiality Commission shall take up their appointment for a period of two years, starting from 1 May in the year immediately following the session of the Conference at which they were appointed, and that anyone who has completed three consecutive terms as a member of the Confidentiality Commission shall not be eligible for immediate reappointment.

Credentials Committee

- 23.5 The Conference is **requested** to consider and approve the report of the Credentials Committee on the credentials of representatives to the Twenty-Ninth Session of the Conference (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

- 23.6 At its Eleventh Session, the Conference adopted a decision establishing a Committee on Relations with the Host Country (the Host Country Committee) (C-11/DEC.9, dated 7 December 2006).

- 23.7 The Acting Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Salima Abdelhak of Algeria, is expected to report to the Conference on the status of the work of the Host Country Committee.

Advisory Board on Education and Outreach

- 23.8 The Conference is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Director-General reporting on the activities of the Advisory Board on Education and Outreach (ABEO) covering the period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 (EC-107/DG.18* C-29/DG.12*, dated 19 September 2024).
- 23.9 The Secretariat circulated a Note by the Director-General on the membership of the ABEO (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).
- 23.10 The Chairperson of the ABEO, Professor Magda Bauta Solés, will address the Conference.

Scientific Advisory Board

- 23.11 The Chairperson of the Scientific Advisory Board, Mr Günter Povoden, will address the Conference.

24. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-FOUR – Any other business

25. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-FIVE – Adoption of the report of the Conference of the States Parties

26. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-SIX – Closure