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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

**NOMINATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SWITZERLAND OF A CANDIDATE
FOR THE APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

1. At its 108th Session, the Executive Council (the Council) adopted a decision on the “Road Map for the Process of the Appointment of the Next Director-General in 2025” (EC-108/DEC.5, dated 6 March 2025), requesting the Chairperson of the Council to invite, on the Council’s behalf, States Parties to present their nominations of candidates for the position of Director-General of the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) by no later than 16 May 2025, to enable their consideration by the Council.
2. The Permanent Representation of Switzerland to the OPCW has submitted to the Technical Secretariat a note verbale informing it of the nomination by the Government of Switzerland of H.E. Ambassador Sabrina Dallafior Matter as candidate for the position of Director-General.
3. In accordance with EC-108/DEC.5, the above-mentioned note verbale is herewith conveyed to the members of the Council.

Annex (English and French only):

Note Verbale No. 853-01-06-00 CBC/KIJ from the Permanent Representation of Switzerland to the OPCW Dated 17 March 2025



Annex

**NOTE VERBALE NO. 853-01-06-00 CBC/KIJ FROM THE
PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF SWITZERLAND TO THE OPCW
DATED 17 MARCH 2025**



Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft
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Permanent Representation of the Swiss Confederation
to the OPCW

Ref. 853-01-06-00 CBC/KIJ

The Permanent Representation of Switzerland to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons ("OPCW") presents its compliments to the Chairperson of the Executive Council of the OPCW, H.E. Ambassador Andrés Terán Parral, and with reference to the letter L/PMO-558/25 dated 10 March 2025, has the honour to inform of the nomination by the Government of Switzerland of Ambassador Sabrina Dallafor Matter as candidate for the position of Director-General of the Organisation.

The curriculum vitae of Ambassador Sabrina Dallafor Matter is enclosed herewith.

The Permanent Representation of Switzerland to the OPCW avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Chairperson of the Executive Council the assurances of its highest consideration. *che*



The Hague, 17 March 2025

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Technical Secretariat of the OPCW

OPCW regional coordinators:

- H.E. Ambassador Hugh Adsett of Canada, OPCW WEOG coordinator
- H.E. Ambassador Konstantin Dimitrov of the Republic of Bulgaria, OPCW EEG coordinator
- H.E. Ambassador Vusimuzi Madonsela of the Republic of South Africa, OPCW African Group coordinator
- H.E. Ambassador J. Eduardo Malaya of the Philippines, OPCW Asia Group coordinator
- H.E. Ambassador Ana Cristina Rodríguez Pineda of Guatemala, OPCW GRULAC coordinator

H.E. Ambassador Andrés Terán Parral
Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the OPCW
Chairperson of the Executive Council
Embassy of the Republic of Ecuador
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Ambassador Sabrina Dallafior Matter

Senior Swiss diplomat with 25 years of experience and proven negotiations skills and management experience.

Solid expertise in international security policy and politico-military affairs as well as disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation, including as:

- Permanent Representative of Switzerland to and President of the Conference on Disarmament
- Switzerland's lead negotiator in nuclear, biological and other disarmament and arms control processes.

Experience in science diplomacy and a keen promoter of innovation and advanced technologies, from AI to supercomputing and quantum.

Now official candidate of Switzerland to serve as the next Director General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons OPCW (2026-2030)

"Multilateral diplomacy, disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation have been the golden thread of my career.

As a values-based leader committed to dialogue and cooperation, I strongly believe in the importance of building bridges to reach sustainable solutions. Only together can we achieve a world free of chemical weapons and in which chemistry is solely used for peace, progress, and prosperity for all."



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Between 2016 and 2019, President of the Conference on Disarmament; Chair of the WG on effective treaty implementation ATT; Chair of the Article 5 Committee APMBC; Chair of the WG on status and operations CCM; Head of Swiss delegations to the UNGA 1C as well as to the CSP and RevCon APMBC, BWC, CCM, CCW, NPT.

Whilst Deputy Head of the Peace and Human Rights Division of Switzerland's Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), in charge of managing a USD 40 million budget.

Previously in charge of Switzerland's civilian contribution to crisis management operations as well as participation in the Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council and the Partnership for Peace.

Ambassador – Embassy of Switzerland in Finland	2023 – present
Consul general – Consulate general of Switzerland in Milan	2019 – 2023
Ambassador – Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Conference on Disarmament and Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office in Geneva (UNOG)	2016 – 2019
Minister – Deputy Head of the Human Security Division and Head of the delegation for the bilateral dialogues with Nigeria and Senegal, FDFA, Berne	2012 – 2016
Counsellor – Head of political affairs, security policy and communications; Swiss Mission to the EU, Brussels	2008 – 2012
Team leader – OSCE Office; FDFA, Berne	2006 – 2008
Desk Officer – Centre for International Security Policy, FDFA, Berne	2004 – 2006
First Secretary – Swiss Mission to NATO, Brussels	2001 – 2004
Attaché – Swiss Mission to the EU, Brussels	2000 – 2001

EDUCATION

Masters degree (lic. phil. I) in Eastern European history and Russian studies; University of Basel, Switzerland

PERSONAL

Born in 1970 in Basel, Switzerland. Married to Urs, 1 teenage son

Languages: German and Italian (mother tongues), English, French, Spanish, Russian