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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 25 August 2014 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/622) pursuant to paragraph 12 of Security Council resolution 2118 (2013). As noted in that letter, the Secretary-General, following consultations with the Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), Mr. Ahmet Uzumcu, has decided to bring to a close the Joint Mission of the OPCW and the United Nations for the elimination of the Chemical Weapons Programme of the Syrian Arab Republic on 30 September 2014.

Until the chemical weapons programme of the Syrian Arab Republic has been eliminated in its entirety, in accordance with relevant decisions of the OPCW Executive Council and Security Council resolution 2118 (2013), the Secretary-General will continue to exercise his good offices in furtherance of the implementation of that resolution, including by providing any required support to overall coordination and liaison with the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic and other relevant actors and stakeholders. In order to ensure continuity, the Secretary-General has asked Ms. Sigrid Kaag, Special Coordinator for the OPCW-UN Joint Mission in Syria, to continue to assist him in this regard.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Secretary-General, to express our sincere appreciation for the valuable support offered by the Government of the Republic of Cyprus in the implementation of Security Council Resolution 2118 (2013). In this regard, I would like to ask for the continued support of your Government in connection with the role of Ms. Kaag, who it is foreseen will be working with a small team from the premises that the Joint Mission operated in the UNFICYP compound in Nicosia.

His Excellency
Mr. Nicholas Emiliou
Permanent Representative of the
Republic of Cyprus to the United Nations
New York



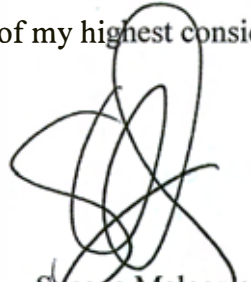
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The understanding and acceptance by your Government of this arrangement, for which the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, to which Cyprus is a party, will apply to Ms. Kaag, her staff and her office, would be most appreciated.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Susana Malcorra
Chef de Cabinet



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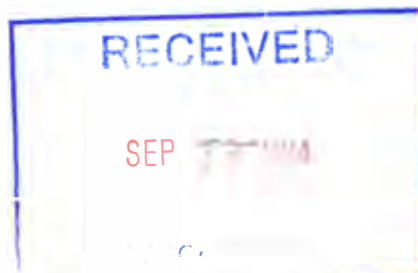
The Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the letter dated 25 August 2014 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/622) pursuant to paragraph 12 of Security Council resolution 2118 (2013).

The Executive Office of the Secretary-General has the further honour to refer to the Secretary-General's statement in that letter that, following consultations with Mr. Ahmet Üzümcü, Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Joint Mission of the OPCW and the United Nations for the elimination of the Chemical Weapons Programme of the Syrian Arab Republic will be brought to a close on 30 September 2014.

Until the chemical weapons programme of the Syrian Arab Republic has been eliminated in its entirety, in accordance with relevant decisions of the OPCW Executive Council and Security Council resolution 2118 (2013), the Secretary-General will continue to exercise his good offices in furtherance of the implementation of that resolution, including by providing any required support to overall coordination and liaison with the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic and other relevant actors and stakeholders.

The Executive Office of the Secretary-General takes this opportunity to inform Permanent Missions to the **United** Nations that, in order to ensure continuity, the Secretary-General has asked Ms. Sigrid Kaag, Special Coordinator for the OPCW-UN Joint Mission in Syria, to continue to assist him in this regard. The Secretary-General has also designated the Office of Disarmament Affairs as the focal point at the United Nations Headquarters on issues related to the continued implementation of Security Council resolution 2118 (2013).

The Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.



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La Oficina Ejecutiva del Secretario General de las Naciones Unidas saluda atentamente a las Misiones Permanentes de los Estados Miembros de las Naciones Unidas y tiene el honor de referirse a la carta de fecha 25 de agosto de 2014 dirigida al Presidente del Consejo de Seguridad por el Secretario General (S/2014/622) de conformidad con el párrafo 12 de la resolución 2118 (2013) del Consejo de Seguridad.

La Oficina Ejecutiva del Secretario General tiene además el honor de referirse a la declaración formulada por el Secretario General en esa carta en el sentido de que, tras la celebración de consultas con el Sr. Ahmet Üzümcü, Director General de la Organización para la Prohibición de las Armas Químicas (OPAQ), la Misión Conjunta de la OPAQ y las Naciones Unidas para eliminar el Programa de Armas Químicas de la República Árabe Siria llegará a su fin el 30 de septiembre de 2014.

Hasta que el programa de armas químicas de la República Árabe Siria se haya suprimido en su totalidad, de conformidad con las decisiones pertinentes del Consejo Ejecutivo de la OPAQ y la resolución 2118 (2013) del Consejo de Seguridad, el Secretario General seguirá interponiendo sus buenos oficios para promover la aplicación de esa resolución, en particular mediante la prestación de cualquier apoyo necesario a la coordinación general y el enlace con el Gobierno de la República Árabe Siria y otros agentes pertinentes y partes interesadas.

La Oficina Ejecutiva del Secretario General aprovecha esta oportunidad para informar a las Misiones Permanentes ante las Naciones Unidas de que, a fin de garantizar la continuidad, el Secretario General ha pedido a la Sra. Sigrid Kaag, Coordinadora Especial de las Naciones Unidas para la Misión Conjunta de la OPAQ en la República Árabe Siria, que le siga prestando asistencia a este respecto. El Secretario General ha designado también a la Oficina de Asuntos de Desarme como centro de coordinación en la Sede de las Naciones Unidas sobre las cuestiones relacionadas con la continuación de la aplicación de la resolución 2118 (2013) del Consejo de Seguridad.

La Oficina Ejecutiva del Secretario General de las Naciones Unidas aprovecha esta oportunidad para reiterar a las Misiones Permanentes de los Estados Miembros ante las Naciones Unidas las seguridades de su consideración más distinguida.



22 de septiembre de 2014





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Le Cabinet du Secrétaire général de l'Organisation des Nations Unies présente ses compliments aux missions permanentes des États Membres auprès de l'Organisation et a l'honneur de se référer à la lettre datée du 25 août 2014, adressée au Président du Conseil de sécurité par le Secrétaire général (S/2014/622) en application du paragraphe 12 de la résolution 2118 (2013) du Conseil de sécurité.

Le Cabinet du Secrétaire général a en outre l'honneur de se référer à la déclaration du Secrétaire général figurant dans ladite lettre indiquant que, comme suite aux consultations avec Mr. Ahmet Üzümcü, Directeur général de l'Organisation pour l'interdiction des armes chimiques (OIAC), il sera mis fin à la Mission conjointe de l'OIAC et de l'ONU pour l'élimination du programme d'armes chimiques de la République arabe syrienne le 30 septembre 2014.

En attendant que le programme d'armes chimiques de la République arabe syrienne soit éliminé dans sa totalité, conformément aux décisions pertinentes du Conseil exécutif de l'OIAC et à la résolution 2118 (2013) du Conseil de sécurité, le Secrétaire général continuera d'user de ses bons offices en faveur de l'application de ladite résolution, notamment en apportant tout soutien qui serait requis pour la coordination d'ensemble et la liaison avec le Gouvernement de la République arabe syrienne et autres acteurs et parties prenantes pertinents.

Le Cabinet du Secrétaire général saisit cette occasion pour informer les missions permanentes auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies que, dans un souci de continuité, le Secrétaire général a demandé à M^{me} Sigrid Kaag, Coordinatrice spéciale de la Mission conjointe OIAC-ONU en Syrie, de continuer de lui apporter son concours à cet égard. Le Secrétaire général a également désigné le Bureau des affaires de désarmement en tant que pôle de coordination au Siège de l'ONU pour les questions relatives à la poursuite de l'application de la résolution 2118 (2013) du Conseil de sécurité.

Le Cabinet du Secrétaire général de l'Organisation des Nations Unies saisit cette occasion pour renouveler aux missions permanentes des États Membres auprès de l'Organisation les assurances de sa très haute considération.



Le 22 septembre 2014

Note to Ms. Kane, Ms. Haq, Mr. Feltman and Mr. Drennan

Post 30 September 2014 arrangements related to resolution 2118 (2013)

1. With the destruction of all priority chemical weapons material completed and the significant progress achieved overall towards the elimination of the Syrian Arab Republic's chemical weapons programme, the Joint Mission will be brought to a close on 30 September 2014. A small Mission Support team will work to liquidate relevant Joint Mission assets in the weeks following 30 September.
2. OPCW is putting in place successor arrangements that will allow it to verify the elimination of remaining aspects of the chemical weapons programme on the ground inside the Syrian Arab Republic. In this regard, it is foreseen that UNOPS will provide the necessary administrative, logistical and procurement support, as well as to ensure, along with the United Nations Department of Safety and Security that necessary security arrangements are in place by 30 September.
3. The Secretary-General will continue to exercise his good offices in furtherance of the implementation of resolution 2118 (2013). In this connection, the United Nations will continue to provide any necessary support as may be required to overall coordination and liaison with the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic and opposition groups and engage with other relevant international and regional stakeholders, as well as the Security Council and its Members.
4. In order to ensure continuity, the Secretary-General has asked Ms. Sigrid Kaag to continue to assist him in this regard, in close coordination with the Office of Disarmament Affairs (ODA) and other Headquarters' departments as appropriate. Amongst others, Ms. Kaag will continue her lead in fulfilling the Secretary-General's reporting obligations to the Security Council, in accordance with operative paragraph 12 of resolution 2118 (2013), with Headquarters' support provided by ODA effective September 2014. Ms. Kaag will also be supported by a small team working from Nicosia, Cyprus.



Susana Malcorra
19 September 2014