



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

28 December 2016

Dear Mr. President,

I have the honour to convey herewith a report of the Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) on "the status of implementation of the plan for the destruction of Libya's Remaining Category 2 Chemical Weapons Outside the Territory of Libya". The report dated 21 December 2016 covers the period from 21 November to 20 December 2016.

The report was prepared in accordance with the relevant provisions of the OPCW Executive Council Decision EC-M-52/DEC.1 of 20 July 2016, and Security Council resolution 2298 (2016) of 22 July 2016, for transmission to the Security Council.

I should be grateful if the present letter and the report could be brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.


BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Román Oyarzun Marchesi
President of the Security Council
New York



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To: CDC (through ODSG),

Please find attached for your approval and SG's signature a letter addressed to the President of SC, transmitting a report of the Director-General of the OPCW on "the status of the implementation of the plan for the destruction of Libya's remaining category 2 chemical weapons outside the territory of Libya".

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Political Unit
27 December 2016

Approved by O/ODSG, 27/12/16


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Note to the Secretary-General

(Through the Deputy Secretary-General and the Chef de Cabinet)

**Letter from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council requesting
the submission of OPCW report on Libya**

1. Attached herewith is the transmittal letter from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting the fourth monthly report dated 21 December 2016 of the Director-General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) on Libya to be brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council along with the mentioned fourth monthly report from the Director-General of OPCW.
2. This report from the Director-General of OPCW is on the status of implementation of the plan for the destruction of Libya's remaining category 2 chemical weapons outside the territory of Libya. It is prepared in accordance with the relevant provisions of the OPCW Executive Council Decision (20 July 2016) and Security Council resolution 2298 (2016), for transmission to the Security Council.
3. Upon the Secretary-General's signature thereof, the Director-General's letter and his fourth monthly report will be provided to the President of the Security Council.



KIM Won-soo
Under-Secretary-General
High Representative
for Disarmament Affairs
21 December 2016

cc. Mr. Feltman

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REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

**STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF
LIBYA'S REMAINING CATEGORY 2 CHEMICAL WEAPONS
OUTSIDE THE TERRITORY OF LIBYA**

1. At its Fifty-Second Meeting, the Executive Council (hereinafter "the Council") adopted a decision on the "Destruction of Libya's Remaining Chemical Weapons" (EC-M-52/DEC.1, dated 20 July 2016) and requested the Director-General to assist Libya in developing a modified plan of destruction of Libya's Category 2 chemical weapons. On 22 July 2016, the United Nations Security Council adopted resolution 2298 (2016), welcoming and endorsing the decision by the Council and requesting the Director-General, through the Secretary-General, to report to the Security Council on a regular basis until the destruction is complete and verified.
2. At the conclusion of its Fifty-Second Meeting, the Council adopted a decision entitled "Detailed Requirements for the Destruction of Libya's Remaining Category 2 Chemical Weapons" (EC-M-52/DEC.2, dated 27 July 2016). In operative paragraph 17 of that decision, the Council requested the Director-General to report to the Council on a monthly basis on the implementation of the decision. This fourth monthly report covers the period from 21 November to 20 December 2016.

Progress in the elimination of Libyan chemical weapons by the State Party hosting destruction activities

3. Gesellschaft zur Entsorgung von chemischen Kampfstoffen und Rüstungsaltslasten mbH (GEKA mbH), the designated destruction facility at Munster, Germany, informed the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter "the Secretariat") of the continuation of destruction operations. As at 19 December 2016, GEKA mbH had destroyed 135.88 metric tonnes (MTs) of tributylamine. This destruction was accomplished using the afterburner of the plasma arc system, and no problems were encountered with the destruction process.
4. As at 14 December 2016, GEKA mbH had destroyed 100% (18.04 MTs) of the 2-chloroethanol in Incineration Plant 1 ("Munster-1"). This completes the destruction of the 2-chloroethanol.
5. GEKA mbH continues to finalise the construction of the neutralisation process system for the phosphorous trichloride and the thionyl chloride. The destruction of these two chemicals will not begin until 2017.



Overall costs and status of the trust fund

12. On 1 August 2016, the Secretariat issued a Note calling for voluntary contributions for support to Libya (S/1400/2016, dated 1 August 2016). As at 30 November 2016, a total of EUR 1,268,214 had been received in the trust fund, with contributions from Canada, Cyprus, Finland, New Zealand, and the United States of America. To date, over EUR 402,792 has been disbursed from the trust fund for activities related to the destruction of Libya's Category 2 chemical weapons. As at 30 November 2016, the trust fund contained a balance of EUR 865,421. An additional EUR 44,000 contributed by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was spent on removal operations. Germany has submitted invoices for verification-related activities in accordance with the aforementioned Note by the Secretariat (S/1400/2016). The Secretariat is working with Canada on procuring the services of an expert company to work with Libya on the preparation of a budget for the work related to the disposal of the contents of the remaining tank and clean-up of the decanted tanks at Ruwagha. The European Union has expressed an interest in contributing to this effort. The Director-General would once again like to express his appreciation to those States Parties that have already made or have committed to make voluntary contributions to the trust fund.

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For the Executive Council

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Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit to you my report entitled 'Status of Implementation of the Plan for the Destruction of Libya's Remaining Category 2 Chemical Weapons Outside the Territory of Libya' prepared in accordance with the relevant provisions of the OPCW Executive Council Decision EC-M-52/DEC.1, dated 20 July 2016 and the United Nations Security Council resolution 2298 (2016), dated 22 July 2016, for transmission to the Security Council. My report covers the period from 20 November 2016 to 20 December 2016 and also covers the reporting requirements of the Executive Council decisions EC-M-52/DEC.2, dated 27 July 2016 and EC-M-53/DEC.1 dated 26 August 2016.

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

Ahmet Üzümcü

H.E. Mr Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations
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New York