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Scientific Advisory Board

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**FINAL REPORT OF THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE
SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD**

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) met to complete its Fifth Session on 4 and 5 February 2003 in The Hague.
- 1.2 The proceedings of the SAB were directed by its Chairman, Claude Eon of France.
- 1.3 The list of participants is contained in the Annex to this report.
- 1.4 The SAB adopted the following agenda:
 - (a) Opening and welcome by the Director-General
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda
 - (c) Leadership of the SAB
 - (d) Finalisation of the Report of the Scientific Advisory Board for the First Chemical Weapons Convention Review Conference (hereinafter “the First Review Conference”)
 - (e) Future work
 - (f) Any other business
 - (g) Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting

2. Results of the Session

- 2.1 The SAB was informed that Claude Eon of France would continue as Chairman until the end of the First Review Conference. Furthermore, the resignation, for health reasons, of Will Carpenter of the United States of America, was received during the Session. The SAB did not at this Session elect a new Chairman or Vice-Chairman, but will do so at its next regular Session, by which time other vacancies on the SAB will also have been filled.



- 2.2 The Board completed and adopted its report for the First Review Conference. The report has since been submitted to the Director-General separately, and is being made available to States Parties under cover of a Note by the Director-General at the same time as this report (RC-1/DG/1 dated 17 April 2003).
- 2.3 In relation to the work ahead, the SAB made the following observations:
- (a) The work of the temporary working group on biomedical samples has yet to begin. This group ought to be formed as soon as possible.
 - (b) The SAB looks forward to being called to assist the OPCW in the upcoming discussions on the optimisation of the verification regime. The SAB understands that the Secretariat will submit proposals to the Executive Council for consideration at its Thirty-Second Session, and it stands ready to offer advice on these.
 - (c) The SAB expressed its interest in having an opportunity to discuss with delegations and experts from States Parties the recommendations and findings it has submitted thus far.
 - (d) The SAB expressed its readiness to assist with the implementation of the decisions and recommendations expected from the upcoming First Review Conference.

3. Closure of the meeting

The meeting was closed on 5 February 2003 at 15:17, with the adoption of this report.

Annex: List of Participants in the Fifth Session of the Scientific Advisory Board, upon Its Resumption

Annex

**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC
ADVISORY BOARD, UPON ITS RESUMPTION**

	Participant	Member State
1.	Ashok K. Datta	India
2.	Claude Eon	France
3.	Alfred Frey	Switzerland
4.	Tom Inch	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
5.	Jiří Matoušek	Czech Republic
6.	Brahim Youcef Meklati	Algeria
7.	Koichi Mizuno	Japan
8.	Giorgio Modena	Italy
9.	Ernő Pungor	Hungary
10.	Stanislaw Witek	Poland
11.	Burkhard Seeger	Chile
12.	Abbas Shafiee	Islamic Republic of Iran
13.	Branko Stanovnik	Slovenia

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