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Fifty-fifth session**Request for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda of the fifty-fifth session****Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons****Letter dated 6 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly**

With reference to rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, I have the honour to request you to include an item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons" in the agenda of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly. This additional item is of an important and urgent character as the relationship agreement between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons is scheduled to be signed on 17 October 2000.

The Government of the Netherlands would like this question to be considered directly in plenary meeting.

My Government would also like this question to remain on the agenda of all subsequent sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly I enclose an explanatory memorandum.

(Signed) Peter **van Walsum**
Ambassador
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Annex

Explanatory memorandum

1. The Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons are scheduled to sign the Agreement on Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons on 17 October 2000.
2. The Agreement marks the desire for cooperation between the two Organizations in common tasks in the fields of disarmament, peace, security and the well-being of mankind.
3. It is befitting for the General Assembly to react to the important event of the Secretary-General's signing this Agreement. Member States may wish to consider expressing their views on this event.
4. For this important and urgent matter the Netherlands requests that an item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons" be included in the agenda of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly for consideration directly in plenary meeting.
