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**DECISION**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE  
ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY**

**The Conference of the States Parties,**

**Recalling** the provisions on the legal capacity and the privileges and immunities of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and its organs, as well as on the privileges and immunities of the Heads of Delegation, alternates and advisers attached to Heads of Delegation, Permanent Representatives, members of the Permanent Missions, Delegates of States Parties, and the Director-General and the staff of the OPCW—provisions set forth in the Agreement between the OPCW and the Kingdom of the Netherlands concerning the Headquarters of the OPCW;

**Recognising** that resolving in a constructive and timely fashion any issues that may arise in connection with the interpretation and implementation of the Headquarters Agreement is of interest to the Member States of the OPCW, including the Host Country, as well as to the Director-General;

**Bearing in mind** that at its Tenth Session it requested the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) to submit to it at its Eleventh Session a recommendation to establish a Host Country Committee; and

**Having considered** the recommendation the Council has submitted (EC-47/DEC.10, dated 8 November 2006);

**Hereby:**

1. **Establishes** a Committee on Relations with the Host Country, composed of the following members:
  - (a) the Chairperson of the Council;
  - (b) two representatives of each regional group;
  - (c) a representative of the Host Country, to be appointed by that State Party; and
  - (d) the Director-General.



2. **Instructs** the Committee to address the privileges and immunities referred to above, as well as all categories of issues that were considered by the Working Group that the Chairperson of the Council established pursuant to a mandate of the Council at its Fortieth Session, and by the Contact Group that was subsequently established to find, together with the Secretariat and the Host Country, mutually satisfying solutions to pending matters regarding the full implementation of the Headquarters Agreement;
3. **Authorises** the Committee to convene periodically and whenever it is convoked by its Chairperson at the request of any Member State or the Director-General;
4. **Requests** the Committee to report to it at its Twelfth Session, through the Council, on the progress it has made;
5. **Requests** the Director-General to provide the Committee with all necessary assistance, and to bring to its attention issues of concern relating to the implementation of the Headquarters Agreement; and
6. **Requests** the Host Country to assist the Committee in its work by encouraging the participation and cooperation, as and when appropriate, of those of its national institutions that are relevant to the work of the Committee.

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