

**DECISION****ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY AND
SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY AT THE NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE
OF THE STATES PARTIES****The Conference of the States Parties,**

Recalling that, in the political declaration of the report of the Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Third Review Conference”) (RC-3/3* dated, 19 April 2013), the States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) underlined their desire to improve interaction with chemical industry, the scientific community, academia, and civil society organisations engaged in issues relevant to the Convention, and cooperate as appropriate with other relevant international and regional organisations, in promoting the goals of the Convention (paragraph 9.16);

Recalling also that, in its report (RC-3/3*), the Third Review Conference:

- (a) Encouraged the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) through the National Authorities to continue to strengthen relations with respective national chemical industry. The Secretariat is also encouraged to strengthen its relationship with regional and international chemical industry associations (subparagraph 9.79(e));
- (b) In view of advances in science and technology, the development of the chemical industry, and the growth in the trade of chemicals, encouraged the Secretariat to continue to strengthen its relations with regional and international chemical industry associations (subparagraph 9.95(h));
- (c) Encouraged the OPCW to engage in more active involvement and participation of relevant civil society organisations and chemical industry associations in the assistance and protection programmes (subparagraph 9.118(k));
- (d) Encouraged the Secretariat to continue to develop relations and partnerships as appropriate with relevant regional and international organisations, as well as chemical industry associations, the private sector, academia, and civil society, in order to raise awareness of the activities of the OPCW (subparagraph 9.131(l)); and
- (e) Encouraged the Secretariat and the States Parties to improve interaction with the chemical industry, the scientific community, academia, and civil society organisations engaged in issues relevant to the Convention, and encouraged the Secretariat and States Parties to develop a more open approach, in conformity with the Rules of



Procedure of the policy-making organs with regard to such interaction (subparagraph 9.155(n));

Cognisant of the need to continue to engage the chemical industry and scientific community on matters relating to verification, chemical industry and chemical security, and outreach;

Recognising the efforts of the Director-General and the Secretariat in this regard; and

Noting the Note by the Director-General on Engaging the Chemical Industry Associations (C-19/DG.14, dated 3 October 2014);

Hereby:

Decides to invite representatives of the global chemical industry and scientific community to address the Conference during the plenary of its Nineteenth Session; and

Decides to introduce, at every session of the Conference, an agenda item dedicated to the chemical industry and the scientific community.

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