

**DECISION****EXTENSION OF THE SPECIAL FUND FOR OPCW SPECIAL MISSIONS****The Conference of the States Parties,**

**Recalling** the decision by the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”) at its Twentieth Session to establish a special fund for OPCW special missions (hereinafter “the Fund”) in accordance with Financial Regulation 6.9, for an initial period of 12 months from the date of approval by the Conference (C-20/DEC.11, dated 3 December 2015);

**Noting** that the balance of the Fund as at 30 September 2016 was EUR 110,181 as stated in the report by the Director-General entitled “OPCW Income and Expenditure for the Period 1 January to 30 September 2016 (Third Quarter Of The Financial Year Ending 31 December 2016)” (S/1428/2016, dated 13 October 2016);

**Mindful** that additional costs have continued to be incurred in 2016 for certain unforeseen activities, such as fact-finding missions, and that such unforeseen activities may also arise in future years at relatively short notice to the OPCW and outside of the regular programme and budget cycle; and

**Considering** that a cash deficit of EUR 680,232 has arisen for the year 2014, as stated in the report by the Director-General entitled “Financial Statements of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and Report of the External Auditor for the Year Ending 31 December 2015” (EC-83/DG.1 C-21/DG.5, dated 8 August 2016), and that no unspent amounts appropriated to cover the operational costs of the Organisation are therefore available to replenish the Fund;

**Hereby:**

1. **Approves** the extension of the Fund for a further period of 12 months on the following basis:
  - (a) The time extension shall be valid for a period of 12 months from the date of approval by the Conference, without replenishment of the Fund;
  - (b) Financial Regulations 4.2, 4.3, and 4.4 shall not apply to the Fund, and balances remaining in the Fund at the end of a financial period shall be carried forward to subsequent financial periods; and



- (c) The Director-General shall continue to report to the Conference on the status of the Fund through the quarterly income and expenditure reports provided to the States Parties and through the annual audited financial statements of the OPCW; and

- 2. **Decides** to remain seized of this matter.

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