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## **DECISION**

### **ADDITION OF FIVE SEATS TO THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD**

**The Conference of the States Parties,**

**Recalling** the decision it took at its Second Session on the terms of reference of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) (Annex to C-II/DEC.10, dated 5 December 1997);

**Mindful** of the contribution that the SAB makes to the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) by enabling the Director-General, in the performance of his functions, to render specialised advice to the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”), the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”), or States Parties in areas of science and technology relevant to the Convention;

**Recalling also** the stipulation in paragraph 5 of the terms of reference of the SAB that the consultations the Director-General holds with States Parties when making appointments to the SAB “shall take into account the need for a comprehensive spread of relevant fields of scientific and technological expertise, and result in a fair distribution of appointments from the regions”;

**Having considered** the proposal in a Note the Director-General submitted to the Council at its Thirty-Eighth Session to increase the number of seats on the SAB from 20 to 25 in order to enable him to fulfil this requirement more effectively (EC-38/DG.18, dated 16 September 2004); and

**Noting** the recommendation by the Council (EC-38/DEC.11, dated 14 October 2004) that the Conference amend the terms of reference of the SAB, as proposed in the aforementioned Note;

**Hereby:**

**Amends** the terms of reference of the SAB (Annex to C-II/DEC.10) by replacing “20” with “25” throughout, so that the sentences thus to be amended read as follows:

- (a) paragraph 3, first sentence: “The Board shall consist of 25 members appointed by the Director-General in consultation with States Parties from a list of nominees put forward by the States Parties”; and



- (b) paragraph 5, second sentence: “The 25 members shall be appointed by the Director-General through a process of consultations with States Parties”.

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