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DECISION

REPORTING OF RICIN PRODUCTION

The Conference of the States Parties

Having considered the issue of the reporting of ricin production;

Taking into account the work of the Preparatory Commission on this issue;

Recalling that the issue of the reporting of ricin production was referred to the Scientific Advisory Board (Conference decision C-II/DEC.5, dated 5 December 1997), and that advice was received from the Scientific Advisory Board in this respect (SAB-II/1, dated 23 April 1999);

Recalling further that the Director-General was invited by the Conference to further study the issue, to convene a meeting of experts to analyse all its aspects, and to convey the findings of that meeting to the Executive Council (Conference decision C-IV/DEC.20, dated 2 July 1999);

Recalling also that the Executive Council was requested to consider this issue with a view to preparing a recommendation to the Conference for consideration and adoption at its Fifth Session (Conference decision C-IV/DEC.20, dated 2 July 1999);

Noting that the issue was considered in a meeting of experts, and that the results of this meeting were submitted by the Director-General to the Executive Council for consideration during its Nineteenth Session (EC-XIX/DG.4, dated 14 March 2000);

Cognisant that the Executive Council noted that the annex to the above-mentioned Note by the Director-General to the Executive Council at its Nineteenth Session containing the report of the chairman of the expert meeting was considered to contain the substance of the report required for the Conference at its Fifth Session (subparagraph 13.1 of EC-XIX/6, dated 3 May 2000);

Hereby:

1.   **Decides** that castor oil processing plants should not be subject to the Convention's reporting procedures under Schedule 1; and

2.   **Agrees** to remove from the list of unresolved issues the reporting of ricin production as it relates to castor oil processing plants.

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