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DECISION

**GUIDELINES REGARDING LOW CONCENTRATION LIMITS FOR
DECLARATIONS OF SCHEDULE 2 AND 3 CHEMICALS**

The Conference of the States Parties

Recalling the decision at its Fourth Session on guidelines for provisions regarding scheduled chemicals in low concentrations, including in mixtures, in accordance with paragraphs 5 of Parts VII and VIII of the Verification Annex (C-IV/DEC.16, dated 1 July 1999);

Determined to seek the harmonisation of provisions regarding Schedule 2 and Schedule 3 chemicals in low concentrations, consistent with the non-discriminatory and effective implementation of the Convention;

Cognisant of the economic and administrative implications of the implementation of such guidelines for States Parties;

Noting the decision by the Executive Council at its Tenth Meeting recommending that the Conference of the States Parties consider and adopt this decision at its Fifth Session;

Hereby:

1. **Decides**, with regard to the applicable concentration limits for declarations under Parts VII and VIII of the Verification Annex, that:
 - (i) declarations are not required for mixtures of chemicals containing 30 percent or less of a Schedule 2B or a Schedule 3 chemical; and
 - (ii) States Parties are requested to take measures in accordance with Article VII, paragraph 1, to implement these guidelines by 1 January 2002; and
2. **Requests** the Director-General to task the Scientific Advisory Board to study all relevant aspects of the applicable concentration limits for mixtures of chemicals containing Schedule 2A and 2A* chemicals and to report the results to the Council for consideration with a view to a decision being submitted for the consideration of States Parties at the Sixth Session of the Conference of the States Parties.

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