

Executive Council

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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

MODIFICATIONS TO THE FACILITY AGREEMENT WITH THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION REGARDING ON-SITE INSPECTIONS AT THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS DESTRUCTION FACILITY LOCATED AT MARADYKOVSKY, KIROVSKAYA OBLAST THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

- 1. At its Fifty-Third Session, the Executive Council (hereinafter "the Council") approved a facility agreement with the Russian Federation regarding on-site inspections at the chemical weapons destruction facility (CWDF) located at Maradykovsky, Kirovskaya Oblast, the Russian Federation (EC-53/DEC.7, dated 25 June 2008).
- 2. At its Fifty-Seventh Session, the Council approved modifications to the aforementioned facility agreement regarding the second train of operations at the facility (EC-57/DEC.4, dated 16 July 2009).
- 3. At its Fifty-Ninth Session, the Council noted (paragraph 5.4 of EC-59/4, dated 26 February 2010) modifications to the aforementioned facility agreement (EC-59/DG.2, dated 16 November 2009).
- 4. In 2013, the Russian Federation provided the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter "the Secretariat") with information in relation to the destruction processes of aerial bomb blocks and tank compartments.
- 5. In September 2013, the Secretariat conducted a final engineering review at the Maradykovsky CWDF in relation to the destruction operations of aerial bomb blocks. These operations require amendments to the facility agreement, as well as a number of updates and modifications to its attachments. Following the procedures set out in Section 16 of the agreement, amendments have been agreed to by the Russian Federation and the Secretariat, and are being submitted to the Council for it to consider and approve at its Seventy-Fourth Session. A draft decision on this matter has been submitted to the Council for consideration and approval at this same session (EC-74/DEC/CRP.1, dated 16 September 2013).
- 6. According to paragraph 2 of Section 16 of the agreement, modifications to its attachments (with the exception of Attachment 1, Attachment 6, and Part D of Attachment 5) may be agreed upon at any time between the representative of the OPCW and the representative of the Russian Federation, provided that both are

specifically authorised to do so. The Council shall be informed of any such modifications.

- 7. According to paragraph 3 of Section 16 of the agreement, any updates to Part A of Attachment 1, to Attachment 6, and to Part D of Attachment 5 shall be made by the Russian Federation, while any updates to Part B of Attachment 1 shall be made by the OPCW.
- 8. In accordance with the above, the Russian Federation and the Secretariat have updated Attachments 1 and 6, and have agreed on a number of modifications to the other attachments to the agreement. These modifications and updates are reflected (in red-lining, for ease of reference) in the revised version of the facility agreement, as set out in EC-74/P/DEC/CRP.1, dated 16 September 2013.

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