

Executive Council

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DECISION

AMENDMENTS TO THE FACILITY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN REGARDING ON-SITE INSPECTIONS AT A SCHEDULE 1 FACILITY FOR PROTECTIVE PURPOSES

The Executive Council,

Recalling that paragraph 3 of Part III of the Verification Annex to the Chemical Weapons Convention requires each State Party to conclude a facility agreement with the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) for each facility declared and subject to on-site inspection pursuant, inter alia, to paragraph 3 of Article VI of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter "the Convention");

Noting that subparagraph 34(c) of Article VIII of the Convention states that the Executive Council (hereinafter "the Council") shall approve "agreements or arrangements relating to the implementation of verification activities, negotiated by the Technical Secretariat with States Parties";

Recalling also that at its Sixty-Eighth Session, the Council approved the negotiated text of a facility arrangement between the OPCW and the Government of Japan regarding inspections at a Schedule 1 facility for protective purposes located in Japan (EC-44/DEC.3, dated 14 March 2006);

Recalling further the Note by the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter "the Secretariat") on amendments, modifications, and updates to the attachments to this facility arrangement (EC-88/S/1, dated 14 May 2018);

Noting also that the Secretariat and the Government of Japan have agreed on amendments to the facility arrangement regarding on-site inspections at a Schedule 1 facility for protective purposes located in Japan, the text of which is set out in EC-88/HP/DEC.1 (dated 11 July 2018); and

Noting further that, according to Section 13 of the facility arrangement, amendments to it must be approved by the Council;

Hereby:

Approves the amendments to the facility arrangement between the OPCW and Japan set out in EC-88/HP/DEC.1.

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