The Executive Council,

Mindful that a cash surplus of EUR 1,454,925 has arisen for the financial year ending 31 December 2016, as reported by the Director-General in “Financial Statements of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and Report of the External Auditor for the Year Ending 31 December 2017” (EC-89/DG.3 C-23/DG.4, dated 7 August 2018);

Recalling that the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”) at its Twenty-Second Session decided to recommend that the Working Capital Fund (WCF) be increased to a target level of EUR 7 to 9 million over the next three years (C-22/DEC.5, dated 30 November 2017) by, inter alia, transfer of future cash surpluses, if available, to the WCF following a decision by the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”); and

Bearing in mind that three decisions entitled, respectively, “Establishment of a Special Fund for Cybersecurity, Business Continuity, and Physical Infrastructure Security, and Transfer of a Portion of the 2016 Cash Surplus for This Purpose” (EC-89/DEC/CRP.7, dated 12 October 2018), “Establishment of a Special Fund for IT Infrastructure to Support the Implementation of Decision C-SS-4/DEC.3, and Transfer of a Portion of the 2016 Cash Surplus for This Purpose” (EC-89/DEC/CRP.8, dated 12 October 2018); and “Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2019” (EC-89/DEC/CRP.9, dated 12 October 2018) were adopted by the Council at its Eighty-Ninth Session;

Hereby:

Recommends that the Conference at its Twenty-Third Session:

1. **approve** the suspension, on an exceptional basis, of the application of Financial Regulation 6.3 with regard to the allocation of the cash surplus for 2016 among States Parties;

2. **approve**, in accordance with Financial Regulation 6.9, the transfer of a portion of the 2016 cash surplus in the amount of EUR 777,175 for the Special Fund for Cybersecurity, Business Continuity, and Physical Infrastructure Security; and

3. **approve**, in accordance with Financial Regulation 6.9, the transfer of a portion of the 2016 cash surplus in the amount of EUR 677,750 to the Special Fund for IT Infrastructure to Support the Implementation of Decision C-SS-4/DEC.3.