

**NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL****REQUEST FOR THE 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**

1. The Draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2019 (EC-89/CRP.1/Rev.2, dated 12 October 2018) details specific activities that will be implemented over a one-year period, in line with the programme strategies that aim to achieve the core objectives of the Organisation in the long-term. The activities included in this Programme and Budget fit within the framework of the Organisation's strategic vision, are foreseen in advance, and are formulated with a high degree of certainty that they will be implemented. The nature, scope, and duration of the activities are normally well defined and the resources required to implement them can be estimated with a high level of accuracy.
2. At its Fourth Special Session, the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter "the Conference") adopted a decision entitled "Addressing the Threat from Chemical Weapons Use" (C-SS-4/DEC.3, dated 27 June 2018). In July 2018, the Director-General issued a report on the initial implementation of C-SS-4/DEC.3 (EC-89/DG.2, dated 27 July 2018), in which the States Parties were informed that the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter "the Secretariat") had initiated internal planning for the implementation of C-SS-4/DEC.3, including an assessment of the human resource, financial, technological, and other requirements necessary to implement the decision. The Secretariat has presented those requirements, including IT infrastructure requirements to support vital case management, analytical, and data storage activities of the Attribution Team, in the 2019 Programme and Budget proposal.
3. Taking into consideration the emphasis made by the States Parties during the Programme and Budget consultations for the draft Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2019 regarding the increase in financial requirements and the impact on the assessed contributions of States Parties, the Secretariat proposes the establishment of a special fund for IT infrastructure requirements to support the implementation of decision C-SS-4/DEC.3, to be financed using a portion of the 2016 cash surplus as a means to mitigate financing these requirements through assessed contributions for 2019.
4. The Draft Programme and Budget for 2019 (EC-89/CRP.1/Rev.2) includes an extraordinary provision for required investment in IT infrastructure in order to support the implementation of decision C-SS-4/DEC.3.



5. The Executive Council is requested to consider this proposal and recommend to the Conference that at its Twenty-Third Session it approve the transfer of a portion of the 2016 cash surplus in the amount of EUR 677,750 to the proposed special fund.

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