

**DECISION****SUBMISSION OF THE 2018 OPCW FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
TO THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR (FINANCIAL RULE 11.1.02)**

The Conference of the States Parties,

Recalling that Financial Rule 11.1.02 states that the financial statements shall, after approval by the Director-General, be submitted to the External Auditor not later than three months following the end of the financial year, together with such statements as may be required;

Considering the Note by the Director-General entitled “Submission of the 2018 OPCW Financial Statements to the External Auditor (Financial Rule 11.1.02)” (EC-89/DG.21, dated 17 September 2018), in which an exceptional suspension of Financial Rule 11.1.02 is requested;

Cognisant of the Note by the Director-General entitled “Report on the Status of Implementation of the Enterprise Resource Planning System” (EC-89/DG.17, dated 14 September 2018), which notes that the go-live of the core enterprise resource planning solution is planned for the end of 2018;

Noting the report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters (ABAF) at its Forty-Fifth Session (ABAF-45/1, dated 3 August 2018), in which the ABAF agreed with the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) that an exceptional request for the extension of the submission date for the financial statements to the External Auditor would be submitted by the Secretariat to the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) and the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”);

Mindful of the report of the External Auditor (Annex 3 to EC-89/DG.3 C-23/DG.4, dated 7 August 2018), in which the External Auditor recommended that the Organisation should, “if necessary, approach States Parties to agree a one-off amendment to the normal timeline for accounts submission at an early point”; and

Noting also the decision of the Council at its Eighty-Ninth Session (EC-89/DEC.1, dated 11 October 2018) recommending that the Conference at its Twenty-Third Session suspend, on an exceptional basis, the application of Financial Rule 11.1.02 in respect of the timeline for submission of the 2018 financial statements to the External Auditor;



Hereby:

Decides to suspend, on an exceptional basis, the application of Financial Rule 11.1.02 in respect of the timeline for submission of the 2018 financial statements to the External Auditor.

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