



DECISION

EXTENSION OF THE SPECIAL FUND FOR OPCW SPECIAL MISSIONS

The Conference of the States Parties,

Recalling the decision by the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”) at its Twentieth Session to establish the Special Fund for OPCW Special Missions in accordance with Financial Regulation 6.9, for an initial period of 12 months from the date of approval by the Conference (C-20/DEC.11, dated 3 December 2015);

Recalling also the decisions by the Conference at its Twenty-First and Twenty-Second Sessions to extend the Fund, each time for an additional period of 12 months (C-21/DEC.9, dated 1 December 2016 and C-22/DEC.11, dated 30 November 2017);

Noting that the balance of the Fund had been exhausted as at 26 September 2018 (EUR 0 as stated in the Note by the Director-General entitled “Financial Status of the Special Fund for OPCW Special Missions” (EC-89/DG.25, dated 26 September 2018));

Mindful that additional costs have continued to be incurred in 2018 for certain unforeseen activities, such as fact-finding missions, and that such unforeseen activities may also arise in future years at relatively short notice to the OPCW and outside of the regular Programme and Budget cycle; and

Nothing also the recommendation of the Executive Council on this matter (EC-89/DEC.2, dated 11 October 2018);

Hereby:

1. **Approves** the extension of the Fund for a further period of 12 months from the date of approval, on the following basis:
 - (a) OPCW Financial Regulations 4.2, 4.3, and 4.4 shall not apply to the Fund, and balances remaining in the Fund at the end of a financial period shall be carried forward to subsequent financial periods; and
 - (b) the Director-General shall continue to report to the Conference on the status of the Fund through the quarterly income and expenditure reports provided to the States Parties and through the annual audited financial statements of the OPCW; and
2. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.

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