



DECISION

SUBMISSION OF THE 2019 OPCW FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR (FINANCIAL RULE 11.1.02)

The Executive Council,

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 2019 OPCW Financial Statements to the External Auditor (Financial Rule 11.1.02)” (EC-92/DG.32, dated 4 October 2019), 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-92/DG.21, dated 23 September 2019), which notes that for the cutover to the new system a date early in the first quarter of 2020 is envisioned; and

Noting the report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters (ABAF) at its Forty-Seventh Session (ABAF-47/1, dated 2 August 2019), in which the ABAF agreed with the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) that an exceptional request for an extension of the submission date for the financial statements to the External Auditor would be submitted by the Secretariat to the Executive Council and to the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”);

Hereby:

Recommends to the Conference that at its Twenty-Fourth Session it suspend, on an exceptional basis, the application of Financial Rule 11.1.02 in respect of the timeline for submission of the 2019 financial statements to the External Auditor.

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