



NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

**REQUEST FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL FUND
FOR CAPACITY BUILDING FOR LABORATORIES
AND TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF THE 2017 CASH SURPLUS**

1. The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) runs a wide range of capacity-building activities to support States Parties in the development of laboratories capable of handling and analysing Chemical Weapons Convention-related chemicals. These activities have led to significant demand for increased efforts from the Secretariat in the area of capacity building and requests for the design and roll-out of a programme to identify potential laboratories for additional support, scoping their current capabilities, assessing their needs, and providing tailor-made programming to build the requisite analytical and laboratory skills, with the support of voluntary contributions.
2. As stated in the Draft Programme and Budget for 2020 (EC-92/CRP.1, dated 5 July 2019), the Secretariat is preparing to augment its capacity-building activities, with a focus on assistance and protection, chemical safety and security management, and support for laboratories in developing countries or in countries with economies in transition.
3. Taking into consideration the emphasis placed by the States Parties during Programme and Budget consultations on the impact of assessed contributions on States Parties, the Secretariat proposes the establishment of a special fund for training and capacity-building for laboratories, financed by using a portion of the 2017 cash surplus in the amount of EUR 380,000.
4. The Executive Council is requested to consider this proposal and recommend to the Conference of the States Parties at its Twenty-Fourth Session that it approve the transfer to the proposed fund of a portion of the 2017 cash surplus in the amount of EUR 380,000.

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