

**DECISION****SUBMISSION OF THE 2019 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 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;

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 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”); and

Noting also the decision of the Council at its Ninety-Second Session (EC-92/DEC.1, dated 10 October 2019) recommending that the Conference at its Twenty-Fourth Session 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;

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 2019 financial statements to the External Auditor.

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