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DECISION

PROPOSAL FROM SIERRA LEONE FOR A PAYMENT PLAN TO REGULARISE THE PAYMENT OF ITS OUTSTANDING ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The Conference of the States Parties,

Noting that the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter "the Conference") at its Eleventh Session approved the use of payment plans as a mechanism to encourage States Parties that are in arrears to regularise the payment of their outstanding advances to the Working Capital Fund or annual contributions, to eliminate those arrears, and thus to demonstrate their commitment to meeting their financial obligations under Article VIII of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter "the Convention") (C-11/DEC.5, dated 7 December 2006);

Noting also the request, in paragraph 5 of that decision, that the Executive Council (hereinafter "the Council") make appropriate recommendations to the Conference on such payment plans;

Bearing in mind the terms of the mechanism set out in that decision for the implementation of such plans; and

Noting further the decision of the Council at its Ninety-Second Session (EC-92/DEC.4, dated 10 October 2019), recommending that the Conference at its Twenty-Fourth Session approve the plan that Sierra Leone submitted to the Technical Secretariat to regularise the payment of its outstanding annual contributions (Annex to EC-92/DG.15*, dated 12 September 2019);

Hereby:

- 1. **Approves** the payment plan annexed hereto; and
- 2. **Permits** Sierra Leone to vote in the Organisation, notwithstanding the restriction that would otherwise apply under paragraph 8 of Article VIII of the Convention, provided that the terms of the payment plan continue to be met.

Annex: Payment Plan Proposed by Sierra Leone

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Annex

Payment Due Date	Payment (Annual Contributions Plus Arrears)
2020: Quarter 1	
Due within 90 days after approval by the	Annual contribution ¹ plus EUR 4,062.50
Conference of the payment plan	_
2020: Quarter 2	EUR 4,062.50 plus USD 887
2020: Quarter 3	EUR 4,062.50
2020: Quarter 4	EUR 4,062.50
Total amounts payable	Annual contributions
(annual contributions plus arrears)	and EUR 16,250 and USD 887

PAYMENT PLAN PROPOSED BY SIERRA LEONE

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In an amount to be determined by the Conference.