



DECISION

RECOMMENDATION TO THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES  
AT ITS TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION ON THE RENEWAL OF  
THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

The Executive Council,

**Recalling** that, in accordance with paragraph 43 of Article VIII of the Chemical Weapons Convention, the Director-General of the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) shall be appointed by the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”) upon the recommendation of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) for a term of four years, renewable for one further term, but not thereafter;

**Recalling also** that the Conference at its Twenty-Second Session appointed Mr Fernando Arias as the Director-General for a term of office beginning on 25 July 2018 and ending on 24 July 2022 (C-22/DEC.18, dated 30 November 2017);

**Noting** the report of the Council at its Ninety-Seventh Session (EC-97/3, dated 8 July 2021), which states that “[t]he Chairperson informed the Council that, during the intersessional period, in order to facilitate the preparation of the recommendation on the appointment of the Director-General for the period from 2022 to 2026 to be made by the Council to the Conference at its Twenty-Sixth Session, he had carried out consultations with representatives of all members of the Council. The minutes of the extended Council Bureau meeting held on 29 June 2021 on this matter<sup>1</sup> are attached to this report” (paragraph 17.4 of EC-97/3);

**Noting also** that the Chairperson informed the Council at its Ninety-Seventh Session of the current Director-General’s availability to serve a second term of four years beginning on 25 July 2022 and ending on 24 July 2026; and

**Noting further** that the Chairperson informed the Council that it “would be requested at its Ninety-Eighth Session to adopt a decision on its recommendation to the Conference at its Twenty-Sixth Session on the appointment of the Director-General” (paragraph 17.6 of EC-97/3);

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<sup>1</sup> Available in English only.



**Hereby:**

**Recommends** that the Conference at its Twenty-Sixth Session renew the appointment of the Director-General, Mr Fernando Arias, for one further term of four years.

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