



**DECISION**

**RENEWAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

**The Conference of the States Parties,**

**Recalling** that, according to Article VIII, paragraph 43, of the Chemical Weapons Convention, the Director-General of the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) 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 at its Twenty-Second Session it 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);

**Bearing in mind** that Mr Arias’s current term of office will expire prior to its Twenty-Seventh Session; and

**Noting** the recommendation of the Council at its Ninety-Eighth Session that it renew Mr Arias’s appointment for one further term of four years (EC-98/DEC.4, dated 6 October 2021);

**Hereby:**

1. **Appoints** Mr Fernando Arias as the Director-General of the Secretariat of the OPCW for one further term of four years beginning on 25 July 2022 and ending on 24 July 2026; and, accordingly,
2. **Authorises** the Chairperson of the Conference to conclude a contract with the Director-General on the terms and conditions set out in C-SS-1/DEC.4, dated 25 July 2002, as periodically adjusted by the Council in conformity with the provisions of the last operative paragraph of that decision.

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