NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

WITHDRAWAL OF NOMINATIONS FOR EXTERNAL AUDITOR OF THE OPCW

1. At its Tenth Session the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”) will appoint the next External Auditor to succeed the current appointee, whose three-year term will expire with the completion of his audit for 2005.

2. At its Forty-Second Session the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) considered a Note by the Director-General containing a summary of the nominations received (EC-42/DG.11, dated 22 September 2005). At the request of the Council, the Director-General has forwarded the Note to the Conference for consideration at its Tenth Session (C-10/DG.8, dated 25 October 2005).

3. The Director-General has also separately forwarded to the Conference a Note containing further information on nominations for External Auditor of the OPCW (C-10/DG.9, dated 25 October 2005). Among the information it includes are additional details on the nominations of Bangladesh and Pakistan, which their respective Permanent Representations requested be brought to the attention of the Conference.

4. The Technical Secretariat has subsequently been advised by the Permanent Representatives of Bangladesh and Nepal that they are withdrawing their nominations for External Auditor of the OPCW.

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