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**REPORT OF THE ELEVENTH SESSION  
OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES  
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**1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the Session**

- 1.1 The Eleventh Session of the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”) was opened at 10:47 on 5 December 2006 by the Chairperson of the Tenth Session of the Conference, Ambassador José Antonio Arróspide of Peru. The Conference received a message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations (UN), delivered by his special representative, Mr Tim Caughley, Director for Disarmament Affairs at the UN Office at Geneva and Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament.
- 1.2 The following 122 States Parties participated in the Eleventh Session: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.
- 1.3 In accordance with Rule 29 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, the following signatory State participated in this Session of the Conference as an observer: Israel.



- 1.4 In accordance with Rule 30 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, and pursuant to a decision of the Conference on the matter (C-11/DEC.1, dated 5 December 2006), the following non-signatory States were accorded observer status: Egypt, Iraq, and Lebanon.
- 1.5 In accordance with Rules 31 and 32 of those Rules of Procedure, and pursuant to a decision of the Conference on the matter (C-11/DEC.2, dated 5 December 2006), eight international organisations, specialised agencies, and other international bodies attended the Eleventh Session.
- 1.6 The Conference **approved** the participation of 10 non-governmental organisations in its Eleventh Session (C-11/DEC.3, dated 5 December 2006).

## **2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Election of the Chairperson**

In accordance with Rules 34 and 35 of its Rules of Procedure, the Conference, by acclamation, **elected** as its Chairperson Ambassador Alfonso Dastis of Spain, who shall hold office until his successor is elected at the next regular Session of the Conference.

## **3. AGENDA ITEM THREE – Election of Vice-Chairpersons and other officers**

- 3.1 In accordance with Rules 34 and 35 of its Rules of Procedure, the Conference **elected** representatives of the following 10 States Parties as Vice-Chairpersons of the Conference, to hold office until their successors are elected at its next regular Session: Algeria, Chile, Cuba, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Philippines, Poland, Russian Federation, Sudan, Sweden, and United States of America.
- 3.2 Also in accordance with Rules 34 and 35 of its Rules of Procedure, the Conference **elected** as Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole Ambassador Carlos Mora of Uruguay, who shall hold office until a new Chairperson is elected at the next regular Session of the Conference.

## **4. AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Adoption of the agenda**

- 4.1 The provisional agenda for the Eleventh Session was circulated under cover of C-11/1, dated 14 July 2006.
- 4.2 The Conference **adopted** the following agenda for its Eleventh Session:

AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the Session

AGENDA ITEM TWO – Election of the Chairperson

AGENDA ITEM THREE – Election of Vice-Chairpersons and other officers

AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Adoption of the agenda

AGENDA ITEM FIVE – Organisation of work and establishment of subsidiary bodies

AGENDA ITEM SIX – Appointment of the Credentials Committee

AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Statement by the Director-General

AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – General debate

AGENDA ITEM NINE – Status of the implementation of the Convention

AGENDA ITEM TEN – Annual report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Convention in 2005

AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Annual report of the Executive Council on the performance of its activities for the period from 2 July 2005 to 7 July 2006

AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – Election of Member States to membership in the Executive Council

AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2007, submitted by the Executive Council, and all items pertaining to this Budget

AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Scale of assessments to be paid by States Parties

AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – External Auditor's report on the audited financial statements of the OPCW for 2005

AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Administrative and financial matters

AGENDA ITEM SEVENTEEN – Fostering of international cooperation for peaceful purposes in the field of chemical activities

AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN – Ensuring the universality of the Convention

AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN – Establishment of an OPCW Office in Africa

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY – Reports of subsidiary bodies

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-ONE – Any other business

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-TWO – Opening dates and anticipated duration of the Second Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention, and of the Twelfth regular Session of the Conference of the States Parties

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-THREE – Adoption of the report of the Conference of the States Parties

AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-FOUR – Closure

**5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – Organisation of work and establishment of subsidiary bodies**

The Conference **considered** and **adopted** the recommendations of the General Committee that were reported to it in accordance with Rule 43(b) of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference.

**6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – Appointment of the Credentials Committee**

In accordance with Rule 27 of its Rules of Procedure, the Conference, on the recommendation of its Chairperson, **appointed** the following 10 members of the Credentials Committee to hold office until new members are appointed at the next regular Session of the Conference: Austria, Bolivia, Cameroon, Croatia, Ecuador, Finland, Namibia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and Slovakia.

**7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – Statement by the Director-General**

The Conference **noted** the opening statement by the Director-General (C-11/DG.9, dated 5 December 2006).

**8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – General debate**

The following delegations made statements during the general debate: Finland (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries), Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China), Algeria (on behalf of the African Group), Colombia, the Russian Federation, China, the United States of America, Switzerland, the Republic of Korea, Morocco, India, Japan, Mexico, South Africa, Canada, Australia, Cuba (in its national capacity), Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, New Zealand, Tunisia, Kuwait, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Sudan, Norway, Turkey, the Philippines, Malaysia, Algeria (in its national capacity), Nepal, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ecuador, Azerbaijan, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Singapore, Ukraine, Serbia, Zambia, El Salvador, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Yemen, Nigeria, Argentina, Viet Nam, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Venezuela, Burkina Faso, the United Arab Emirates, and Uganda.

**9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – Status of the implementation of the Convention**

**Subitem 9(a): Progress report on the implementation of the plan of action regarding the implementation of Article VII obligations**

- 9.1 The Conference at its Eighth Session approved a plan of action regarding the implementation of Article VII obligations (C-8/DEC.16, dated 24 October 2003). At its Ninth Session the Conference approved a decision on further action under that plan (C-9/DEC.4, dated 30 November 2004). At its Tenth Session the Conference adopted a decision on follow-up to the plan (C-10/DEC.16, dated 11 November 2005), in which, *inter alia*, it requested the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) to provide a comprehensive report on the status of implementation of Article VII to the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”), which the Council, along with its recommendations, would submit to the Conference for consideration at its Eleventh Session.

- 9.2 The Conference **took note** of a report on the status of implementation of Article VII as at 1 November 2006 (C-11/DG.6, dated 23 November 2006), and, based on the recommendations of the Council at its Forty-Seventh Session (EC-47/DEC.15, dated 10 November 2006), **considered** and **approved** a decision on the matter (C-11/DEC.4, dated 6 December 2006).

**Subitem 9(b): Implementation of the regime governing the handling of confidential information by the Technical Secretariat in 2005**

- 9.3 The Conference **took note** of the report by the Director-General on the implementation of the regime governing the handling of confidential information by the Secretariat in 2005 (EC-45/DG.1 C-11/DG.2, dated 10 April 2006).

**Subitem 9(c): Extension of deadlines for the destruction of Category 1 chemical weapons stockpiles**

- 9.4 Based on a recommendation of the Council at its Forty-Fourth Session (EC-44/DEC.8, dated 15 March 2006), the Conference **considered** and **approved** a decision granting to A State Party, subject to certain conditions, an extension of the deadline by which it must destroy all of its Category 1 chemical weapons stockpiles (C-11/DEC.12, dated 8 December 2006).
- 9.5 Based on a recommendation of the Council at its Forty-Fourth Session (EC-44/DEC.9, dated 17 March 2006), the Conference **considered** and **approved** a decision setting 31 December 2009 as the date for completion of the destruction by the Russian Federation of 45% of its Category 1 chemical weapons stockpiles (C-11/DEC.14, dated 8 December 2006).
- 9.6 Based on a recommendation of the Council at its Forty-Fifth Session (EC-45/DEC.5, dated 17 May 2006), the Conference **considered** and **approved** a decision granting to India, subject to certain conditions, an extension of the final deadline by which it must destroy all of its Category 1 chemical weapons (C-11/DEC.16, dated 8 December 2006).
- 9.7 Based on a recommendation of the Council at its Forty-Sixth Session (EC-46/DEC.2, dated 4 July 2006), the Conference **considered** and **approved** a decision granting to the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, based on certain understandings, an extension of the deadline by which it must destroy all of its Category 1 chemical weapons stockpiles, and establishing specific dates for the destruction by this State Party of 1%, 20%, and 45% of those stockpiles (C-11/DEC.15, dated 8 December 2006).
- 9.8 The Conference **considered** and **approved** a decision on a request by the United States of America for establishment of a revised date for the final deadline for destroying all of its Category 1 chemical weapons (C-11/DEC.17, dated 8 December 2006).
- 9.9 The Conference **considered** and **approved** a decision on a proposal by the Russian Federation on setting a specific date for completion of the destruction of its stockpiles of Category 1 chemical weapons (C-11/DEC.18, dated 8 December 2006).

9.10 Based on a recommendation of the Council at its Forty-Seventh Session (EC-47/DEC.3, dated 7 November 2006), the Conference **considered** and **approved** a decision granting to Albania, based on certain understandings, extensions of the phase 1, 2, and 3 intermediate deadlines by which it must destroy its Category 1 chemical weapons, and establishing new interim deadlines for the completion of the destruction by this State Party of those chemical weapons (C-11/DEC.19, dated 8 December 2006).

9.11 The Conference **considered** and **adopted** a decision on visits by representatives of the Council to chemical weapons destruction facilities (CWDFs) and/or CWDF construction sites (C-11/DEC.20, dated 8 December 2006).

9.12 The Conference **decided** to:

- (a) remain seized with these matters and review the status of implementation of these decisions on extensions of the deadlines to complete destruction of Category 1 chemical weapons; and
- (b) request the Director-General to report to the Conference, on an annual basis, on progress made by States Parties toward fulfilling their obligation to complete the destruction of their Category 1 chemical weapons stockpiles by the extended final deadlines under the provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”).

**10. AGENDA ITEM TEN – Annual report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Convention in 2005**

The Conference **considered** and **approved** the report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Convention in 2005 (C-11/4, dated 6 December 2006).

**11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Annual report of the Executive Council on the performance of its activities for the period from 2 July 2005 to 7 July 2006**

The Conference **noted** the report of the Council on the performance of its activities in the period from 2 July 2005 to 7 July 2006 (EC-47/3 C-11/2, dated 8 November 2006). The report was introduced by the Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Hlengiwe Buhle Mkhize of South Africa, who also introduced and elaborated on the recommendations of the Council that were made after the cut-off date for the above report and that required the attention of the Conference.

**12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – Election of Member States to membership in the Executive Council**

In accordance with Article VIII, paragraph 23, of the Convention, and with Rule 83 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, the Conference **elected** 21 members for the following elective places on the Council for a term of 2 years starting on 12 May 2007:

Africa:	Cameroon, Ghana, Lesotho, Sudan, Tunisia
Asia:	China, India, Japan, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia
Eastern Europe:	Bulgaria, Czech Republic
Latin America and the Caribbean:	Argentina, Brazil, Mexico
Western Europe and Other States:	France, Germany, Italy, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

**13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2007, submitted by the Executive Council, and all items pertaining to this Budget**

- 13.1 In accordance with Article VIII, subparagraph 21(a), of the Convention, and pursuant to Financial Regulation 3.6(a), the Conference **considered** and **adopted** the OPCW Programme and Budget for 2007, which the Council had submitted to it (C-11/DEC.11, dated 8 December 2006).
- 13.2 The Conference **noted** the Medium-Term Plan for 2007 to 2009 (EC-46/S/4 C-11/S/1, dated 3 July 2006).

**14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Scale of assessments to be paid by States Parties**

In accordance with Article VIII, paragraph 21(b), of the Convention, the Conference **adopted** the scale of assessments to be paid by States Parties for the financial year 2007 (C-11/DEC.13, dated 8 December 2006).

**15. AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – External Auditor’s report on the audited financial statements of the OPCW for 2005**

In accordance with Regulation 13.10 of the OPCW Financial Regulations, the Council at its Forty-Sixth Session forwarded to the Conference the report of the External Auditor on the financial statements of the OPCW for the year ending 31 December 2005, and of the OPCW Provident Fund for the same period (EC-45/DG.9\* C-11/DG.3\*, dated 10 May 2006), as well as the Council’s comments on it, which appear at paragraphs 9.8 and 9.9 of the report of its Forty-Sixth Session (EC-46/4, dated 7 July 2006). The Conference **considered** and **noted** this report.

**16. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Administrative and financial matters**

**Subitem 16(a): Consideration of a mechanism for States Parties to regularise the payment of their dues to the OPCW**

- 16.1 Bearing in mind Article VIII, paragraph 8, of the Convention, and the need to encourage States Parties, in particular those that are in arrears, to pay their financial contributions promptly and in full, the Conference, based on a recommendation of the Council at its Forty-Seventh Session (EC-47/DEC.13, dated 8 November 2006),

**considered** and **approved** a decision establishing a mechanism to encourage States Parties that are in arrears to regularise the payment of their outstanding contributions (C-11/DEC.5, dated 7 December 2006).

**Subitem 16(b): Report of the Office of Internal Oversight for 2005**

- 16.2 In accordance with Regulation 12.5 of the OPCW Financial Regulations, the Council at its Forty-Fifth Session considered and forwarded to the Conference the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2005, and the accompanying Note by the Director-General (EC-45/DG.3\*, and Corr.1, both dated 21 April 2006). The Conference **noted** this report, as well as the comments on it in the report of the Forty-Fifth Session of the Council (paragraphs 10.2 and 10.3 of EC-45/2, dated 19 May 2006).

**Subitem 16(c): Amendments to the OPCW Financial Regulations**

- 16.3 Based on a recommendation of the Council at its Forty-Sixth Session regarding amendments to the OPCW Financial Regulations (EC-46/DEC.6\*, dated 5 July 2006), and pursuant to Regulation 16.1 of those Regulations, the Conference **considered** and **adopted** the amendments in question (C-11/DEC.6, dated 7 December 2006).

**Subitem 16(d): Transfers of funds between programmes in 2005**

- 16.4 In accordance with Regulation 4.5 of the OPCW Financial Regulations, all transfers between budget programmes shall be reported to the Conference. The Conference **noted** the Note by the Director-General on this matter (C-11/DG.1, dated 11 April 2006).

**Subitem 16(e): Future implementation of the OPCW policy on tenure**

- 16.5 Based on a recommendation of the Council at its Forty-Seventh Session (EC-47/DEC.14, dated 8 November 2006), the Conference **decided** to amend subparagraph 1(c) of C-SS-2/DEC.1, dated 30 April 2003, the decision it took on the tenure policy of the OPCW (C-11/DEC.7, dated 7 December 2006).

**17. AGENDA ITEM SEVENTEEN – Fostering of international cooperation for peaceful purposes in the field of chemical activities**

- 17.1 At its Tenth Session the Conference adopted a decision on the full implementation of Article XI (C-10/DEC.14, dated 11 November 2005) in which, *inter alia*, it requested the Council to keep the issue under consideration and to report on the full implementation of that Article to the Conference at each regular annual session. At its Forty-Fifth Session, the Council noted the report by the Director-General on the status of implementation of Article XI of the Convention as at 31 December 2005 (EC-45/DG.12, dated 11 May 2006). The report of the Director-General on the status of implementation of Article XI of the Convention for 2006 will be submitted to the Council at its Forty-Eighth Session.



- 17.2 The Conference **recommended** that the Council enhance its deliberations on this agenda item and as a matter of priority appoint a facilitator to start informal consultations to explore all options and submit concrete measures for the full implementation of Article XI and that it present a report to the Conference at its Twelfth Session.

**18. AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN – Ensuring the universality of the Convention**

The Conference **noted** the annual report by the Director-General on the implementation of the action plan for the universality of the Convention from 11 November 2005 to 25 September 2006 (EC-47/DG.5 C-11/DG.4, dated 29 September 2006), and, in accordance with the recommendation of the Council at its Twenty-Sixth Meeting (EC-M-26/DEC.3, dated 4 December 2006), **adopted** a decision concerning the implementation of the plan of action for the universality of the Convention (C-11/DEC.8, dated 8 December 2006).

**19. AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN – Establishment of an OPCW Office in Africa**

- 19.1 At its Tenth Session the Conference adopted a decision (C-10/DEC.13, dated 10 November 2005) recommending to the Council that it establish an *ad hoc* open-ended working group to examine the administrative, financial, and legal aspects of a proposal to establish an OPCW Office in Africa, and requested the Council to promote the process identified in paragraphs 2 and 3 of that decision with a view to forwarding a recommendation on the matter to the Conference at its Eleventh Session.
- 19.2 In accordance with a recommendation of the Council at its Twenty-Sixth Meeting, the Conference **considered** and **adopted** a decision on the establishment of an OPCW Office in Africa (C-11/DEC.10, dated 8 December 2006).

**20. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY – Reports of subsidiary bodies**

**Committee of the Whole**

- 20.1 The Conference **noted** that during this Session of the Conference no items had been allocated to the Committee of the Whole.

**General Committee**

- 20.2 The Conference **noted** the reports of the General Committee, and took appropriate action as required.

**Confidentiality Commission**

- 20.3 The Conference **noted** the report of the Eighth Meeting of the Commission for the Settlement of Disputes Related to Confidentiality (hereinafter “the Confidentiality Commission”) (CC-8/2, dated 24 May 2006).

- 20.4 In accordance with paragraph 23 of the Confidentiality Annex to the Convention and Rule 2(b) of the Operating Procedures of the Confidentiality Commission (C-III/DEC.10, dated 27 November 1998), the Conference **elected** the following 20 members of the Confidentiality Commission for a term of two years beginning on 1 January 2007:

Africa	Mr Abderrahim Chakour (Morocco) Mr Austen O. Oniwon (Nigeria) Dr Charles Muzanila (Tanzania) Prof. Victor Mtetwa (Swaziland)
Asia	Mr Tatsuya Abe (Japan) Mr Gholamhossein Dehghani (the Islamic Republic of Iran) Mr Dai Huaicheng (China) Mr Krishnamurthy Sekhar (India)
Eastern Europe	Mr Victor Golovkin (the Russian Federation) Mr Feliks Kovalskyi (Ukraine) Mr Georgy Mihov (Bulgaria) Dr Kvetoslava Pamánková (the Czech Republic)
Latin America and the Caribbean	Mr Luis Enrique Chávez Basagoitia (Peru) Ms Fanny Lourdes Puma Puma (Ecuador) Ms Anna María Cerini (Argentina) Mr Bensusy Cruz Sánchez (Cuba)
Western European and Other States	Mr Christian Arentz (Norway) Prof. Ioannis Seimenis (Greece) Dr Gianfranco Tracci (Italy) Prof. Christoph Vedder (Germany)

### **Credentials Committee**

- 20.5 The report of the Credentials Committee (C-11/3, dated 7 December 2006) was presented by its Chairperson, Ambassador Frane Krnić of Croatia. The Chairperson orally reported that, following the close of the Credentials Committee meeting, a copy of the letter of credentials was received for the representative of Nicaragua.

## **21. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-ONE – Any other business**

### **Establishment of a Host Country Committee**

Based on a recommendation of the Council at its Forty-Seventh Session (EC-47/DEC.10, dated 8 November 2006), the Conference **adopted** a decision on the establishment of a Committee on Relations with the Host Country (C-11/DEC.9, dated 7 December 2006).

**22. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-TWO – Opening dates and anticipated duration of the Second Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention, and of the Twelfth regular Session of the Conference of the States Parties**

22.1 In light of a decision the Conference took at its Seventh Session (paragraph 19.2 of C-7/5, dated 11 October 2002), the Conference **confirmed** that its Twelfth regular Session will take place from 5 to 9 November 2007.

22.2 In light of the same decision, the Conference **confirmed** that the Second Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention will take place from 7 to 18 April 2008.

22.3 Pursuant to the same decision, the Thirteenth regular Session of the Conference is scheduled to take place from 3 to 7 November 2008. However, the Council at its Forty-Seventh Session requested that the Conference consider the possibility of holding the Thirteenth Session from 2 to 5 December 2008. The Conference **considered** the matter and **decided** to hold its Thirteenth Session from 2 to 5 December 2008.

**23. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-THREE – Adoption of the report of the Conference of the States Parties**

The Conference **considered** and **adopted** the report of its Eleventh Session.

**24. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-FOUR – Closure**

The Chairperson closed the Eleventh Session of the Conference at 21:30 on 8 December 2006.

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