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DECISION

PROPOSAL BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION ON SETTING A SPECIFIC DATE FOR COMPLETION OF THE DESTRUCTION OF ITS STOCKPILES OF CATEGORY 1 CHEMICAL WEAPONS

The Conference of the States Parties,

Recalling that at its Eighth Session it granted the Russian Federation, in principle, an extension of the intermediate deadline for the destruction of 45% of its Category 1 chemical weapons stockpiles, and of the final deadline for destruction, on the understanding that this would not prejudice any of the Russian Federation's obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter "the Convention"), including, with respect to the final deadline, Part IV(A), paragraph 28, of the Verification Annex to the Convention (hereinafter "the Verification Annex") (C-8/DEC.13, dated 24 October 2003);

Taking into account that the Russian Federation submitted to the Executive Council (hereinafter "the Council") a request for an extension of the deadline for completion of the destruction of its Category 1 chemical weapons by 29 April 2012 (EC-XXVII/DG.1, dated 26 October 2001);

Bearing in mind that it has set 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);

Noting the economic and financial efforts undertaken by the Russian Federation for the purpose of implementing its National Programme for the Destruction of Chemical Weapons in the Russian Federation;

Noting also the substantial contribution of international assistance to that Programme;

Noting further the importance of planned, coordinated, targeted, and effectively utilised international assistance for the safe and secure destruction by the Russian Federation of its chemical weapons in accordance with the Convention;



Having considered the information submitted by the Russian Federation on the adjustment of the general plan for the destruction of chemical weapons (EC-45/NAT.4, dated 26 April 2006, and Corr.1, dated 17 May 2006), which, jointly with EC-XXVII/DG.1, dated 26 October 2001, fully meets the requirements of Part IV(A), paragraph 25, of the Verification Annex, and constitutes a proposal to set a specific date for completion of the destruction of chemical weapons in the Russian Federation;

Welcoming the commitment of the Russian Federation to the task of destroying its Category 1 chemical weapons as soon as possible but in no case later than 15 years after the entry into force of the Convention, and the efforts it has already made to achieve that goal; and

Also bearing in mind the recommendation that the Council at its Twenty-Sixth Meeting has made on this matter (EC-M-26/DEC.6, dated 8 December 2006);

Hereby:

Sets 29 April 2012 as the date for completion of the destruction by the Russian Federation of 100% of its chemical weapons stockpiles.

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