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DECISION

EXTENSIONS OF THE INTERMEDIATE DEADLINES FOR THE DESTRUCTION BY ALBANIA OF ITS CATEGORY 1 CHEMICAL WEAPONS

The Conference of the States Parties.

Having considered the recommendations of the Executive Council (hereinafter "the Council") at its Forty-Seventh Session (EC-47/DEC.3, dated 7 November 2006) regarding a request by Albania for extensions of the intermediate deadlines for the destruction of its Category 1 chemical weapons stockpiles;

Hereby:

Grants Albania extensions of the phase 1, 2, and 3 intermediate deadlines for the destruction of its Category 1 chemical weapons, and **establishes** the following new interim deadlines for the destruction by Albania of its Category 1 chemical weapons: phase 1 (1%), to be completed by 15 January 2007; phase 2 (20%), to be completed by 31 January 2007; and phase 3 (45%), to be completed by 28 February 2007, on the understanding that:

- (a) the present decision shall not in any way modify Albania's obligation to destroy all of its Category 1 chemical weapons no later than 10 years after the entry into force of the Convention;
- (b) the Director-General will report periodically to the Council on the progress Albania makes in destroying its chemical weapons in accordance with its obligations under the Convention; and
- (c) the Chairperson of the Council, in the exercise of his or her competencies, and in cooperation with the Director-General, will report periodically to the Council on these matters.

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