DECISION

RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR OF THE OPCW

The Conference of the States Parties,

Recalling that, according to Financial Regulation 13.1, an External Auditor, who shall be the Auditor-General (or an officer holding an equivalent title) of a State Party, shall be appointed in the manner and for the period determined by the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”) and for a single period of not less than two years, but not exceeding six years;

Noting that the Conference at its Tenth Session appointed Mr Norbert Hauser, Vice-President of the German Supreme Audit Institution, as External Auditor of the OPCW, to audit its financial and administrative operations for three financial years, from 2009 to 2011;

Noting also that, the Conference decided that the period of office referred to in Financial Regulation 13.1 may also be made up of an initial term of three years, renewable for one subsequent term of up to three years; and

Confirming that, consequent to the retirement of Mr Norbert Hauser on 31 May 2011, Professor Dieter Engels, President of the German Supreme Audit Institution, has succeeded to the post of External Auditor of the OPCW, in accordance with Financial Regulation 13.2;

Hereby:

Decides to renew the appointment of Professor Engels as External Auditor of the OPCW for a term of three years, from 2012 to 2014.