



DECISION

EXTENSION OF THE SPECIAL FUND FOR OPCW SPECIAL MISSIONS

The Conference of the States Parties,

Recalling the decision by the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”) at its Twentieth Session to establish a special fund for OPCW special missions (hereinafter “the Fund”) in accordance with Financial Regulation 6.9, for an initial period of 12 months from the date of approval by the Conference (C-20/DEC.11, dated 3 December 2015);

Recalling also the decision by the Conference at its Twenty-First Session to extend the Fund, for an additional period of 12 months (C-21/DEC.9, dated 1 December 2016);

Noting that the balance of the Fund as at 2 October 2017 was exhausted (EUR 0 as stated in the Note by the Director-General “Financial Status of the Special Fund for OPCW Special Missions” (EC-86/DG.27, dated 2 October 2017));

Mindful that additional costs have continued to be incurred in 2017 for certain unforeseen activities, such as fact-finding missions, and that such unforeseen activities may also arise in future years at relatively short notice to the OPCW and outside of the regular programme and budget cycle; and

Noting also the recommendation of the Executive Council on this matter (EC-86/DEC.5, dated 11 October 2017);

Hereby:

1. **Approves** the extension of the Fund for a further period of 12 months from the date of approval, on the following basis:
 - (a) OPCW Financial Regulations 4.2, 4.3, and 4.4 shall not apply to the Fund, and balances remaining in the Fund at the end of a financial period shall be carried forward to subsequent financial periods; and
 - (b) the Director-General shall continue to report to the Conference on the status of the Fund through the quarterly income and expenditure reports provided to the States Parties and through the annual audited financial statements of the OPCW; and
2. **Decides** to remain seized of this matter.

