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DECISION

**PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE
ORGANISATION FOR THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND
STATES PARTIES**

The Conference of the States Parties,

Recalling that subparagraph 50 of Article VIII of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) specifies that the legal capacity, privileges, and immunities referred to in that Article shall be defined in agreements between the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and the States Parties;

Recalling also that said privileges and immunities agreements are to be approved by the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”); and

Recalling further that subparagraph 34(a) of Article VIII of the Convention provides that the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) shall conclude agreements or arrangements with States and international organisations on behalf of the OPCW, subject to prior approval by the Conference;

Hereby:

Calls upon all States Parties that have not yet negotiated their agreements with the OPCW on the matter of legal capacity, privileges, and immunities, to do so without delay;

Gives prior approval to the Council to conclude privileges and immunities agreements between the OPCW and States Parties; and

Requests the Council to notify the Conference, at the next regular session of the Conference following their conclusion, of the privileges and immunities agreements that have been concluded with States Parties by the Council on behalf of the OPCW.

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