DECISION

REQUEST BY A STATE PARTY FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE INTERMEDIATE PHASE 3 DEADLINE FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ITS CATEGORY 1 CHEMICAL WEAPONS STOCKPILES

The Conference of the States Parties,

Concerning the recommendation of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) at its Twenty-Third Meeting (EC-M-23/DEC.1, dated 21 October 2003) that the Conference of the States Parties at its Eighth Session grant an extension of a State Party’s obligation to meet the intermediate phase 3 deadline for the destruction of 45 percent of its Category 1 chemical weapons stockpiles, on the basis of certain understandings,

Hereby:

Decides to grant an extension of this State Party’s obligation to meet the intermediate phase 3 deadline for the destruction of 45 percent of its Category 1 chemical weapons stockpiles, on the understanding that:

(a) the State Party will complete the destruction of 45 percent of its Category 1 chemical weapons stockpiles before the end of the time-frame provided for by the Convention for the completion of phase 4 of the destruction of its Category 1 chemical weapons stockpiles;

(b) the Council, at each alternate regular session, will be kept informed by the State Party on the status of its plans, with supporting documentation, towards implementing this destruction obligation;

(c) the Director-General will report periodically to the Council on the progress made by the State Party in the destruction of its chemical weapons in accordance with its obligations under the Convention; and

(d) the Chairman of the Council, in the exercise of his competencies and in cooperation with the Director-General, will report periodically to the Council on these matters.