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DECISION

VOTING RIGHTS OF A MEMBER STATE

The Conference of the States Parties,

Recalling that paragraph 8 of Article VIII of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) stipulates that a member of the Organisation shall have no vote in the Organisation if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contribution due from it for the preceding two full years;

Recalling further that paragraph 8 of Article VIII of the Convention provides that the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”) may permit such a member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the member;

Considering that the amount of the arrears of the Republic of Burundi is currently such that this Member State has no vote in the Organisation;

Bearing in mind that the Republic of Burundi has notified the Organisation that its failure to pay its outstanding contributions is due to conditions that are beyond the control of this Member State;

Hereby:

Permits the Republic of Burundi to exert its right to vote during the Eighth Session of the Conference.

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