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DECISION

PRIMARY DECONTAMINATION OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS PRODUCTION FACILITY

The Conference

Recalling that the Commission, in its PC-V/12, subparagraph 6.2(b), adopted the understanding that, in order to ensure the safe conduct of on-site inspections, a State Party should be encouraged to complete the primary decontamination of the CWPF as part of its closure and inactivation measures,

Recalling the understanding that some limited decontamination capability may be required after closure and inactivation to ensure the safety of inspectors and personnel,

Recalling also the understanding that a decontamination capability may also be required to provide safe conditions for dismantling and destroying the plant and to avoid potential environmental contamination,

Recalling that the Commission noted that, in connection with these decontamination requirements, a limited amount of safety equipment will be required,

Bearing in mind that the Commission recommended in paragraph 49.3.5 of its Final Report that the Conference adopt the above mentioned understanding,

Hereby:

1. **Adopts** the understanding regarding primary decontamination of the chemical weapons production facilities.

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