

### DECISION

#### **DECLARATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CHEMICAL WEAPONS BURIED BY A STATE PARTY ON ITS TERRITORY AFTER 1976 OR DUMPED AT SEA AFTER 1984,**

#### **The Conference**

**Recalling** that the Commission, in its PC-XVI/36. paragraph 10.2, adopted the understanding with respect to the declaration requirements for chemical weapons buried by a State Party on its territory after 1976 or dumped at sea after 1984,

**Bearing in mind** that the Commission recommended in paragraph 49.4.2 of its Final Report that the Conference adopt the above mentioned understanding,

#### **Hereby:**

1. **Adopts** the understanding with respect to the declaration requirements for chemical weapons buried by a State Party on its territory after 1976 or dumped at sea after 1984, annexed hereto.

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**DECLARATION REQUIREMENTS<sup>1</sup>**

1. If a State Party buried chemical weapons on its territory after 1976, that State Party is obliged to include this fact in its declaration. A State Party is also obliged to declare the sea dumping of chemical weapons after 1984.
2. Article III subparagraph 1(a) and the relevant provisions of Part IV(A) of the Verification Annex should be the basis for declarations related to the issues of chemical weapons buried by a State Party on its territory after 1976 and of chemical weapons dumped at sea after 1984.
3. The declaration could include any additional information, if available, that could facilitate the Technical Secretariat's evaluation of the information, inter alia:
  - (a) the exact date when the chemical weapons were buried or dumped;
  - (b) how the chemical weapons were buried or dumped, e.g. inside crates, individual items, etc.;
  - (c) the present condition of the buried and dumped chemical weapons; and
  - (d) possible environmental risks posed.

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<sup>1</sup> Contained in PC-XVI/B/WP.4, Annex 2.