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DECISION

VERIFICATION AT MIXED PLANT SITES

The Conference

Recalling that the Commission, in its PC-VI/22, sub-paragraph 6.2(a), adopted the understandings on verification at mixed plant sites,

Bearing in mind that the Commission recommended in paragraph 50.4 of its Final Report that the Conference adopt the above mentioned understanding,

Hereby:

1. **Adopts** the understandings on verification at mixed plant sites annexed hereto.

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- 1. "Mixed plant sites" are those plant sites which contain:
 - (a) one or more plant(s) individually covered under more than one Part of the Verification Annex related to Article VI ("mixed plants"); or
 - (b) different plants covered by different Parts of the Verification Annex related to Article VI.
- 2. As a general principle governing the rules for inspections at mixed plant sites, it is understood that an inspection will count under the relevant Part of the Verification Annex it was initiated under and will be limited to the provisions of that Part. If an inspection mission was to be conducted under two (or more) Parts of the Verification Annex, that mission would count as two (or more) sequential or simultaneous inspections and the provisions of the respective Parts, including those on notification times, would apply.
- 3. During inspections at mixed plant sites, the following rules will apply:
 - (a) access to plants liable for inspection under another Part of the Verification Annex related to Article VI will be governed by:
 - (i) in case of an inspection pursuant to Part VI of the Verification Annex, paragraph 51 of Part II and any additional provisions contained in the facility agreement;
 - (ii) in case of an inspection pursuant to Part VII of the Verification Annex, paragraph 25 of Part VII;
 - (iii) in case of an inspection pursuant to Part VIII of the Verification Annex, paragraph 20 of Part VIII;
 - (iv) in case of an inspection pursuant to Part IX of the Verification Annex, paragraph 17 of Part IX;
 - (b) access to parts of the common infrastructure of the plant site that are shared between plants covered under different Parts of the Verification Annex would not be considered access to that other plant;

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As contained in paragraphs 21 to 24 of the Chairman's paper annexed to PC-VI/B/WP.2

- (c) access to shared records would have to be provided according to the same rule as that for physical access for inspectors as contained in sub-paragraph (b) above;
- (d) the maximum number of inspections at a mixed plant site is the accumulation of the maximum number of inspections possible under the different Parts related to Article VI;
- (e) an inspection pursuant to one Part of the Verification Annex during which the inspection team is, on a voluntary basis, granted access to a plant covered by another Part related to Article VI is counted as one inspection under the Part it was initiated under. Passage through the plant site to a plant that is the focus of inspection does not count as access to another plant, covered under another Part related to Article VI;
- (f) separate facility agreements will have to be negotiated for inspections to be conducted under the different Parts of the Verification Annex related to Article VI.

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