

DECISION**CRITERIA FOR THE DESIGNATION OF LABORATORIES BY THE OPCW****The Conference**

Recalling that the Commission, in its PC-VI/22, paragraph 6.4, adopted the following criteria for the designation of laboratories by the OPCW. Such laboratories should:

- (a) have established an internationally recognised quality assurance system;
- (b) have obtained accreditation by an internationally recognised accreditation body for tasks for which they are seeking designation; and
- (c) regularly participate and perform successfully in inter-laboratory proficiency tests. Analytical laboratories should obtain satisfactory results analysing control samples distributed by the OPCW.

Bearing in mind that the Commission recommended in paragraph 54.9 of its Final Report that the Conference adopt the above mentioned criteria for the designation of laboratories,

Hereby:

1. **Adopts** the criteria for the designation of laboratories as contained above.

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