DECISION

REPORTING OF AGGREGATE NATIONAL DATA
FOR SCHEDULE 2 AND 3 CHEMICALS

The Conference

Having considered the issue of the method of reporting aggregate national data in accordance with paragraphs 7 and 8 of Article VI and paragraph 1 of Part VII and paragraph 1 of Part VIII of the Verification Annex;

Taking into account the work of the Preparatory Commission on this issue;

Noting that, inter alia, the following questions require further consideration:

1. whether the aggregation of production data for Schedule 2/3 chemicals (and, for Schedule 2 chemicals, also processing and consumption data) should only include amounts from plant sites producing (processing, consuming) above the Convention’s declaration thresholds or also smaller amounts, and, if so, to what extent;

2. whether the aggregation of export and import data should follow the same principles as the aggregation of production (processing, consumption) data;

3. whether the aggregation of Schedule 3 production data should be accomplished by aggregating and reporting actual data, or by aggregating actual data and reporting them within ranges used in plant site declarations, or by reporting the numbers of declarable Schedule 3 plant sites in the different ranges; and

4. whether or not the guidelines for declarations of mixtures containing Schedule 2 or 3 chemicals in a low concentration should also be applied to aggregate national data compilations.

Hereby:

Decides that the Executive Council should address this issue and report its findings at the next regular session of the Conference of the States Parties.