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## **NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

### **RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY COMMISSION**

1. The Director-General regrets to inform the Member States of the OPCW that, on 24 November 1997, a member of the Confidentiality Commission, Mr Luis Carlos Da Silva Cavalheiro of Brazil, submitted his resignation.
2. The Director-General would like to remind Member States of the Rules Governing the Composition of the Confidentiality Commission, in Part IX.2 of the OPCW Policy on Confidentiality, in particular of Rule 1.2 thereof, pursuant to which each appointment to the Confidentiality Commission is to be determined through a process of consultation with the regional group concerned, under the direction of the Chairman of the Conference of the States Parties.
3. In view of the time constraints, the Director-General would also like to draw the attention of Member States to the recommendation of the Confidentiality Commission in subparagraph 6.2(a) of its report (C-II/CC.1, dated 20 November 1997). This recommendation suggests that, in the event of a vacancy prior to the expiration of the term of office of a member of the Confidentiality Commission, the authority to appoint a replacement from the regional group concerned should be delegated to the Executive Council in accordance with paragraph 30 of Article VIII of the Convention.

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