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ARRANGEMENTS FOR A WORKSHOP ON ARTICLE XI OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION

The Executive Council,

Recalling that the Conference of the States Parties at its Fourteenth Session (C-14/DEC.11, dated 4 December 2009) requested the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) to organise in 2010 a workshop for the exchange of ideas among States Parties and relevant stakeholders from States Parties, including *inter alia*, chemical-industry associations, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and regional and international institutions, which could assist, as appropriate, the policy-making organs of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) to explore, identify, and develop concrete measures on the full implementation of Article XI of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”); and

Recalling also that the Secretariat is requested, in full agreement with the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) through the ongoing consultations, to finalise and set up the arrangements for the aforementioned workshop;

Hereby:

1. **Requests**, while stressing that all aspects related to Article XI should be addressed in a non-discriminatory manner, the Secretariat to include, *inter alia*, the following themes in the agenda for the aforementioned workshop:
 - (a) national capacity-building for the research, development, storage, production, and safe use of chemicals for purposes not prohibited by the Convention;
 - (b) promoting networking and exchange among scientific communities, academic institutions, chemical-industry associations, NGOs, and regional and international institutions;
 - (c) enhancing the effectiveness of current international-cooperation programmes of the OPCW; and
 - (d) measures by States Parties and the OPCW to facilitate States Parties’ participation in the full exchange of chemicals, equipment, and scientific and technical information relating to the development and application of chemistry, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention;



2. **Requests** that the aforementioned workshop be funded by the Secretariat and be organised according to the format as follows:
 - (a) the Secretariat to issue a call for papers to be submitted in advance and to prepare a background paper on the status of implementation of Article XI, including an assessment of the utility of current programmes, as well as to identify a Chairperson for the workshop and facilitator(s) for the working group(s) to be established for intensive discussions; and
 - (b) the Chairperson to present an oral summary to the workshop, taking into account all the views expressed by the participants and to prepare, with the assistance of the facilitator(s), a written summary of the proceedings of the workshop for presentation to the Council, through the ongoing facilitation, for its consideration; and
3. **Encourages** States Parties to provide additional funding on a voluntary basis for the workshop.

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