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DRAFT DECISION

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREED DETAILED PLAN FOR VERIFICATION OF THE DESTRUCTION OF THE CATEGORY 1 CHEMICAL WEAPONS AT THE MARADYKOVSKY CHEMICAL WEAPONS DESTRUCTION FACILITY

The Executive Council,

Recalling that paragraphs 30 and 31 of Part IV(A) of the Verification Annex to the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter "the Verification Annex") require States Parties to provide the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter "the Secretariat") with detailed facility information for each chemical weapons destruction facility (CWDF), including the suggested measures for international verification;

Recalling also that paragraph 53 of Part IV(A) of the Verification Annex requires the Secretariat to prepare a draft plan for inspecting the destruction of the chemical weapons at each CWDF and to provide the completed plan to the inspected State Party for comment;

Recalling further that paragraph 56 of Part IV(A) of the Verification Annex requires the agreed detailed plans for verification to be forwarded to the Executive Council (hereinafter "the Council"), which shall review them with a view to approving them, consistent with verification objectives and obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter "the Convention");

Recalling further that, at its Fifty-Third Session, the Council approved a detailed plan for verification of the destruction of the Category 1 chemical weapons at the Maradykovsky CWDF (EC-53/DEC.6, dated 25 June 2008);

Recalling further that, at its Fifty-Seventh Session, it approved amendments to the aforementioned detailed plan (EC-57/DEC.3, dated 16 July 2009);

Recalling further that, at its Fifty-Ninth Session, it approved other amendments to the aforementioned detailed plan (EC-59/DEC.4, dated 24 February 2010);

Noting that, according to paragraph 1 of the agreed detailed plan, any change to be made thereto shall be agreed between the Secretariat and the Russian Federation and submitted to the Council for consideration and approval;

Considering that the Secretariat and the Russian Federation have agreed on additional amendments to the aforementioned detailed plan for verification in relation to the destruction

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of aerial bomb blocks and tank compartments, and that the agreed detailed plan as thus amended complements the verification arrangements and procedures established in the facility agreement for that facility (EC-53/DEC.7, dated 25 June 2008; EC-57/DEC.4, dated 16 July 2009; EC-59/DG.2, dated 16 November 2009; EC-74/DEC/CRP.1, dated 16 September 2013; and EC-74/S/1, dated 16 September 2013);

Affirming that the agreed detailed plan is without prejudice to the relevant provisions of the Convention; that nothing in the plan shall be applied or interpreted in a way that is contradictory to the Convention, and that, in the event of a conflict between this plan and the Convention, the Convention shall take precedence; and

Recognising that States Parties remain free either to draw upon the present plan for the conclusion of other such plans or to depart from it, where they deem this to be appropriate, provided that the new plans conform to the Convention;

Hereby:

Approves the agreed detailed plan, as amended, for verification of the destruction of Category 1 chemical weapons at the Maradykovsky CWDF, the Russian Federation (EC-74/P/DEC/CRP.2, dated 16 September 2013).

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