DECISION

WITHHOLDING OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE CASH SURPLUS FOR 2012

The Executive Council,

Mindful that a cash surplus of EUR 2,152,063 has arisen for the financial year ending 31 December 2012;

Recalling that, at its Thirty-Fifth and Thirty-Sixth Sessions, the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters recommended that the level of the Working Capital Fund be reduced to 6% of the total annual budget of the OPCW and that the remaining balance be used to assist in the financing of a new enterprise-resource-planning (ERP) system;

Considering the ERP strategy document distributed to States Parties under cover of a Note by the Director-General submitted to the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) at its Seventy-Seventh Session (EC-77/DG.15, dated 12 September 2014); and

Bearing in mind that a Note by the Director-General entitled “Recommendation for Reduction of the Working Capital Fund” (EC-77/DG.17, dated 12 September 2014) was submitted to the Council at its Seventy-Seventh Session and that two decisions entitled, respectively, “Reduction of the Working Capital Fund” (EC-77/DEC.2, dated 9 October 2014) and “Implementation of an Enterprise-Resource-Planning System and Establishment of a Special Fund for This Purpose” (EC-77/DEC.1, dated 9 October 2014) were adopted by the Council at the same session;

Hereby:

Recommends that the Conference of the States Parties at its Nineteenth Session:

1. approve the suspension by States Parties, on an exceptional basis, of the application of Financial Regulation 6.3 of the OPCW with regard to the allocation of the cash surplus for 2012 among States Parties;

2. transfer the cash surplus for 2012 to an ERP special fund to be established for the purpose of implementation of a new ERP system; and

3. consider also transferring the required amount from the cash surplus for 2013 when it is determined, if the Secretariat reports in 2015 that additional funds are needed for the ERP system.