



DECISION

**AMENDMENTS TO THE FACILITY ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN
THE ORGANISATION FOR THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA REGARDING ON-SITE INSPECTIONS
AT A SCHEDULE 1 FACILITY FOR PROTECTIVE PURPOSES
AT THE DEFENCE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY GROUP
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA**

The Executive Council,

Recalling that paragraph 3 of Part III of the Verification Annex to the Chemical Weapons Convention requires each State Party to conclude a facility agreement with the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) for each facility declared and subject to on-site inspection pursuant, inter alia, to paragraph 3 of Article VI of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”);

Noting that subparagraph 34(c) of Article VIII of the Convention states that the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) shall approve “agreements or arrangements relating to the implementation of verification activities, negotiated by the Technical Secretariat with States Parties”;

Recalling also that at its Thirty-Seventh Session, the Council approved the negotiated text of a facility arrangement between the OPCW and the Government of Australia regarding inspections at a Schedule 1 facility for protective purposes located in Melbourne, Australia (EC-37/DEC.10, dated 1 July 2004);

Recalling further the Note by the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) on amendments to this facility arrangement (EC-83/S/4, dated 1 September 2016);

Noting also that the Secretariat and the Government of Australia have agreed on amendments to the facility arrangement regarding on-site inspections at a Schedule 1 facility for protective purposes located in Melbourne, Australia, the text of which is set out in EC-83/R/DEC.1 (dated 13 October 2016); and

Noting further that, in accordance with Section 13 of the facility arrangement, amendments to it must be approved by the Council;



Hereby:

Approves the amendments to the facility arrangement between the OPCW and the Government of Australia set out in EC-83/R/DEC.1.

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