Executive Council



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DECISION

AMENDMENTS TO THE FACILITY AGREEMENT WITH SERBIA REGARDING ON-SITE INSPECTIONS FOR A SCHEDULE 1 PROTECTIVE PURPOSES FACILITY

The Executive Council,

Recalling that paragraph 3 of Part III of the Verification Annex to the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter "the Verification Annex") 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 Thirtieth Session, the Council approved the negotiated text of a facility agreement between the OPCW and the former Yugoslavia regarding inspections at a Schedule 1 protective purposes facility located in the former Yugoslavia (EC-30/DEC.8, dated 11 September 2002);

Recalling further the Note by the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter "the Secretariat") on amendments, modifications, and updates to the attachments to this facility agreement (EC-85/S/1, dated 19 May 2017);

Considering that Serbia has notified the Secretariat of proposed changes to the facility agreement that require the addition of certain elements to the description of the facility and thus amendments to the first paragraph, and that changes to Section 16 and the preamble of the facility agreement have been proposed;

Considering also that the Secretariat and Serbia have agreed on amendments to the facility agreement, which are annexed hereto; and

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

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Hereby:

Approves the amendments to the facility agreement between the OPCW and Serbia set out in EC-85/HP/DEC.1 (dated 12 July 2017).

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