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DECISION

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL FUND
FOR THE FOURTH REVIEW CONFERENCE IN 2018**

The Executive Council,

Recalling paragraph 22 of Article VIII of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) with regard to the convening of special sessions of the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”) to review the operation of the Convention at intervals of five years;

Noting the Note by the Director-General on the request for establishment of a special fund for the Fourth Review Conference* in 2018 (EC-86/DG.25, dated 28 September 2017), which states the purpose of the special fund;

Mindful that additional costs have been incurred in the years in which review conferences have been held, placing significant pressure on the regular Programme and Budget cycle of the relevant financial years;

Recalling also that Financial Regulation 6.9 states that special funds may be established by the Conference for clearly defined activities which are consistent with the object and purpose of the OPCW as defined in the Convention; and

Considering that a cash surplus of EUR 1,989,901 has arisen for the financial year ending 31 December 2015;

Hereby:

Recommends that the Conference at its Twenty-Second Session:

1. approve the establishment of a special fund for the Fourth Review Conference in 2018 in accordance with Financial Regulation 6.9, which shall be operated on the following basis:
 - (a) the fund shall start operating from the date of approval by the Conference and exist until the Conference decides to close the fund. Any unused balances remaining in the fund at the time it closes shall be returned to States Parties,

* Fourth Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.



applying the relevant financial regulations for the return of surplus funds, unless the Conference agrees with a recommendation from the Executive Council to dispose of these balances differently;

- (b) the fund shall receive an amount of EUR 309,360 from the aforementioned 2015 cash surplus;
 - (c) Financial Regulations 4.2, 4.3, and 4.4 shall not apply to the fund, and balances remaining in the fund at the end of a financial period shall be carried forward to subsequent financial periods; and
 - (d) the Director-General shall report to the Conference on the status of the fund through the quarterly income and expenditure reports provided to the States Parties and through the annual audited financial statements of the OPCW; and
2. decide to review the implementation of this decision at its Twenty-Fourth Session.

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