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DECISION

COMBINED PLAN FOR THE DESTRUCTION AND VERIFICATION OF THE “AL-MALIHA” RICIN PRODUCTION FACILITY IN THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

The Executive Council,

Recalling that subparagraph 9(a) of Article V of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) and paragraph 32 of Part V of the Verification Annex to the Convention (hereinafter “the Verification Annex”) require States Parties to provide to the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) detailed plans for the destruction of chemical weapons production facilities (CWPFs), including proposed measures for the verification of their destruction;

Recalling also that paragraph 36 of Part V of the Verification Annex requires the Secretariat to prepare, in close consultation with the State Party in question, a plan for verifying the destruction of each CWPF;

Recalling further that paragraph 37 of Part V of the Verification Annex requires the combined plans for destruction and verification to be agreed upon between the Executive Council and the State Party concerned;

Noting that the Director-General recommended the use of the detailed plan for destruction (EC-77/P/NAT.2, dated 12 September 2014) and the proposed measures for verification of the “Al-Maliha” ricin production facility in the Syrian Arab Republic (Annex to EC-M-46/DG.2, dated 27 October 2014), as the combined plans for the destruction and verification called for under paragraph 37 of Part V of the Verification Annex;

Noting that the combined plan for destruction and verification is without prejudice to the relevant provisions of the Convention; that nothing in this combined plan shall be applied or interpreted in a way that is contradictory to the provisions of the Convention; and that, in the event of a conflict between the provisions of this combined plan and the Convention, the Convention shall take precedence;

Recognising that States Parties remain free either to draw upon the present combined plan for destruction and verification for the conclusion of other combined plans for destruction and verification, or to depart from it, where States Parties deem this to be appropriate, thereby not establishing a precedent for future agreements, provided that the new combined plans conform with the provisions of the Convention; and



Recalling that the Secretariat has not completed an initial inspection of the “Al-Maliha” ricin production facility as required by paragraphs 43 to 47 of Part V of the Verification Annex;

Hereby:

Requests the Secretariat to carry out the initial inspection required by Part V of the Verification Annex prior to implementation of any portion of the detailed plan for destruction (EC-77/P/NAT.2); and

Agrees to the detailed plan for destruction (EC-77/P/NAT.2) and the proposed measures for verification (Annex to EC-M-46/DG.2), which together constitute the combined plan for the destruction and verification of the “Al-Maliha” ricin production facility.

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