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**SIXTH SURVEY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION C-14/DEC.4:
GUIDELINES REGARDING LOW-CONCENTRATION LIMITS FOR DECLARATIONS
OF SCHEDULE 2A AND 2A* CHEMICALS**

1. At its Fourteenth Session, the Conference of the States Parties adopted a decision on “Guidelines Regarding Low-Concentration Limits for Declarations of Schedule 2A and 2A* Chemicals” (C-14/DEC.4, dated 2 December 2009). Operative paragraph 2 of this decision required States Parties, in accordance with their constitutional processes, to implement these guidelines as soon as practicable.
2. In accordance with operative paragraph 3 of this decision, the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) was tasked with reporting in detail annually to the Executive Council in the Verification Implementation Report (VIR) on the progress that States Parties have made in implementing this decision, beginning not later than 1 January 2012.
3. The Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention reviewed the progress made by the States Parties in implementation of decision C-14/DEC.4, and in its report (RC-3/3*, dated 19 April 2013) called for fuller implementation of the decision at the domestic level (paragraph 9.85 of RC-3/3*) and called upon States Parties that had not yet implemented the decision to take necessary measures to expedite its implementation (subparagraph 9.95 (b) of RC-3/3*).
4. In order to ensure completeness of the information to be included as part of the VIR for 2016 on the progress in implementation of decision C-14/DEC.4, the Secretariat is undertaking a sixth survey on the implementation of the decision.
5. States Parties that have not yet implemented decision C-14/DEC.4 are kindly requested to complete the questionnaire annexed hereto and to return it to the Secretariat **by 31 December 2016**.
6. Queries or requests for clarification or assistance in completing the questionnaire (including requests for electronic versions of the survey in Microsoft Word) may be addressed to the Declarations Branch of the Verification Division of the Secretariat, which can be reached by email at deb@opcw.org or by telephone at +31 (0)70 416 3062.

Annex: Sixth Survey on the Implementation of Decision C-14/DEC.4: Guidelines Regarding Low-Concentration Limits for Declarations of Schedule 2A and 2A* Chemicals



Annex

**SIXTH SURVEY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION C-14/DEC.4:
GUIDELINES REGARDING LOW-CONCENTRATION LIMITS FOR
DECLARATIONS OF SCHEDULE 2A AND 2A* CHEMICALS**

State Party: _____

Date: _____

Is the information provided confidential¹? Yes No

If yes, what level of classification should be applied?

Restricted (R), Protected (P), or Highly Protected (H)

Person whom the Secretariat may contact to discuss this survey:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

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If the information provided is confidential, it should be handled in accordance with Section M of the Confidentiality Supplement to the OPCW Declarations Handbook 2013. Confidential information can be transmitted to the Secretariat through the Secure Information Exchange System (SIX), which has been available to the States Parties since 1 July 2014. More information about the new system can be found in the Note by the Secretariat S/1192/2014 (dated 1 July 2014). If the information provided is not confidential, the response may be emailed to the Declarations Branch at deb@opcw.org.

1. Has your State Party put in place any legislation and/or regulations to implement the guidelines set forth in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph 1 of decision C-14/DEC.4?

Yes

No

2. If not, does your State Party expect to have the legislation and/or regulations in place for next year to implement the guidelines set forth in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph 1 of decision C-14/DEC.4?

Yes

No

3. Does your State Party require assistance from the Secretariat to have the legislation and/or regulations put into place in order to implement next year the guidelines set forth in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph 1 of decision C-14/DEC.4?

Yes

Please indicate below the type of assistance required by your State Party.

No