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## **DECISION**

### **REQUEST BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A REVISED DATE FOR THE FINAL DEADLINE FOR DESTROYING ALL OF ITS CATEGORY 1 CHEMICAL WEAPONS**

**The Conference of the States Parties,**

**Recalling** that, pursuant to Article 1, paragraph 2 of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter the “Convention”), each State Party undertakes to destroy chemical weapons it owns or possesses in accordance with the provisions of the Convention;

**Recalling also** that, according to Article IV, paragraph 6, of the Convention, each State Party shall destroy all chemical weapons specified in paragraph 1 of that Article pursuant to the Verification Annex to the Convention (hereinafter “the Verification Annex”) and in accordance with the agreed rate and sequence of destruction;

**Recalling further** that, according to Part IV (A), paragraph 24, of the Verification Annex, if a State Party believes that it will be unable to ensure the destruction of all of its Category 1 chemical weapons not later than 10 years after the entry into force of the Convention, it may submit a request to the Executive Council (hereinafter the “Council”) for an extension of the deadline for completing the destruction of such chemical weapons, and that, according to paragraph 26 of that Part, a decision on the request shall be taken by the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter the “Conference”) at its next session, on the recommendation of the Council;

**Bearing in mind** the stipulations in the same paragraph that any extension shall be the minimum necessary, and that in no case shall the deadline for a State Party to complete the destruction of its chemical weapons be extended beyond 15 years after the entry into force of the Convention, in other words, 29 April 2012;

**Bearing in mind further** that, at its Eighth Session, it granted the United States of America, in principle, an extension of the final deadline for completing the destruction of its Category 1 chemical weapons (C-8/DEC.15, dated 24 October 2003);

**Noting** that the United States of America requested the establishment of 29 April 2012 as the revised date for the final deadline for completing destruction of all of its Category 1 chemical weapons stockpiles;



**Recognising** the United States of America's obligation to destroy all of its Category 1 chemical weapons not later than 29 April 2012; and

**Also bearing in mind** the recommendation that the Council at its Twenty-Sixth Meeting has made on this matter (EC-M-26/DEC.7, dated 8 December 2006);

**Hereby:**

1. **Establishes** 29 April 2012 as the date by which the United States of America must destroy all of its Category 1 chemical weapons, subject to the following conditions:
  - (a) that nothing in this decision shall in any way affect the obligation of the United States of America under the terms of the Convention to destroy all of its Category 1 chemical weapons not later than 15 years after the entry into force of the Convention;
  - (b) that the United States of America shall report to the Council on its destruction activity not later than at the end of each 90 days of the extension period, in accordance with Part IV(A), paragraph 28, of the Verification Annex; and
  - (c) that, until all of its Category 1 chemical weapons have been destroyed, it shall continue to submit to the Technical Secretariat:
    - (i) detailed annual plans for destruction in accordance with Part IV(A), paragraph 29, of the Verification Annex; and
    - (ii) annual reports on the destruction of its Category 1 chemical weapons in accordance with paragraph 36 of that part; and
2. **Requests** that the Director-General report periodically to the Council on the progress made by the United States of America in completing destruction of its chemical weapons;
3. **Requests** that the Chairperson of the Council, in the exercise of the Chair's competencies and in cooperation with the Director-General, report periodically to the Council on these matters; and
4. **Requests** that the Council review the progress made by the United States of America in destroying all of its Category 1 chemical weapons, take the necessary measures to document this progress, provide to States Parties, on request, all information concerning the destruction activities of this State Party during the extension period.