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DECISION

UNIVERSALITY OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION AND THE FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNIVERSALITY ACTION PLAN

The Conference of the States Parties,

Recalling that at its Eighth Session it noted the action plan for the universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”), which the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) had adopted at its Twenty-Third Meeting (EC-M-23/DEC.3, dated 24 October 2003);

Recalling also that, at its Tenth Session, it decided, *inter alia*, to review, at its Eleventh Session, the results and progress of the action plan (C-10/DEC.11 dated 10 November 2005;

Reaffirming the priority it attaches to the universality of the Convention and the importance of the action plan, as reflected in C-10-/DEC.11;

Noting the annual report on the implementation of the action plan from 11 November 2005 to 25 September 2006, submitted by the Director-General (EC-47/DG.5 C-11/DG.4, dated 29 September 2006);

Noting with satisfaction the progress that has been achieved since the adoption of the action plan, and the increase in the number of States Parties to the Convention to 181, thus leaving 14 States that have yet to join the Convention;

Stressing that achieving the object and purpose of the Convention requires ratification or accession by all States not Party, in particular those whose non-adherence has given rise to serious concern;

Recognising the efforts of States Parties and the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) to promote the universality of the Convention;

Welcoming Central African Republic, Comoros, Djibouti, Haiti, Liberia, and Montenegro, which have joined the Convention since the Tenth Session of the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”); and

Bearing in mind the recommendations the Council has made in EC-M-26/DEC.3, dated 4 December 2006;



Hereby:

1. **Reaffirms** the importance of all the provisions of C-10/DEC.11;
2. **Calls upon** all remaining States not Party to join the Convention without further delay and to confirm thereby their commitment to the object and purpose of the Convention as well as their commitment to global peace and security;
3. **Reconfirms** that at its Twelfth Session, 10 years after the entry into force of the Convention, it will review the implementation of the plan and take any decision it deems necessary, in particular addressing the status of those States not Party whose non-adherence to the Convention is a cause for serious concern;
4. **Requests** all States Parties and the Secretariat to intensify their efforts and, as established in the action plan, to promote the universality of the Convention with a view to achieving universal adherence 10 years after the Convention's entry into force; and
5. **Also requests** the Secretariat to continue to provide information on activities related to promoting the universality of the Convention and the progress that is made thereon, including an annual report to the Conference at its Twelfth Session.

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