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DECISION

ON THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE XI

The Conference of the States Parties,

Re-emphasising the importance of the provisions of Article XI of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) on the economic and technological development of States Parties and recalling that the full, effective and non-discriminatory implementation of Article XI is essential for the realisation of the object and purpose of the Convention;

Recalling the decision on the full implementation of Article XI adopted by the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”) at its Tenth Session (C-10/DEC.14, dated 11 November 2005);

Noting that the Conference at its Eleventh Session recommended that the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) enhance its deliberations on the agenda item “fostering of international cooperation for peaceful purposes in the field of chemical activities” and “as a matter of priority appoint a facilitator to start informal consultations to explore all options and submit concrete measures for the full implementation of Article XI” and that it present a report to the Conference at its Twelfth Session (paragraph 17.2 of C-11/5, dated 8 December 2006);

Recalling that at its Twelfth Session, the Conference requested the Council, pursuant to previous decisions, to continue its intensive consultations at regular intervals to develop concrete measures within an agreed framework to ensure the full implementation of Article XI (C-12/DEC.10, dated 9 November 2007);

Recalling the report of the Second Special Session of the Conference of the State Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (RC-2/4, dated 18 April 2008);

Welcoming the widely supported initiative on the convening of a workshop proposed by the delegation of Cuba;

Bearing in mind that the Council, at its Fifty-Eighth Session, requested the facilitator on Article XI to continue to conduct such consultations on the full implementation of Article XI, with a view to preparing and submitting recommendations, as appropriate, to the Conference for consideration at its Fourteenth Session, and also to conduct consultations on the



convening of a workshop in 2010 to exchange views on the full implementation of Article XI, taking into account all the views expressed on this issue during the consultations, and encouraged further deliberations in order to finalise the elaboration of all its aspects (paragraph 5.29 of EC-58/9, dated 16 October 2009); and

Welcoming the report by the Director-General on the status of implementation of Article XI (EC-55/DG.13, dated 5 February 2009);

Hereby:

1. **Requests** the Council, pursuant to previous decisions of the Conference, to intensify consultations at regular intervals to develop concrete measures and recommendations within an agreed framework to ensure the full, effective and non-discriminatory implementation of Article XI, and report back to the Conference at its Fifteenth Session for consideration;
2. **Requests** the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) to organise in 2010 a workshop for the exchange of ideas among States Parties, relevant stakeholders from States Parties, including inter alia, chemical industry associations, non-governmental organisations, regional and international institutions, which could assist, as appropriate, the policy-making organs of the OPCW to explore, identify and develop concrete measures on the full implementation of Article XI of the Convention;
3. **Requests** the Secretariat, in full agreement with the Council through the ongoing consultations, to finalise and set up the arrangements of the aforementioned workshop;
4. **Requests** the State Parties and the Secretariat to continue to actively implement decision C-10/DEC.14; and
5. **Requests** the Director-General to continue to report on the status of implementation of Article XI.

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