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DECISION

TERMS OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

The Conference of the States Parties,

Referring to paragraph 45 of Article VIII of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”), which establishes that the Director-General shall be responsible for the organisation and functioning of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB), composed of independent experts appointed in accordance with the terms of reference adopted by the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”);

Recalling the decision by the Conference at its Second Session on the terms of reference of the SAB (Annex to C-II/DEC.10/Rev.1, dated 2 December 2004);

Mindful of the contribution that the SAB makes to the implementation of the Convention by enabling the Director-General, in the performance of his functions, to render to the Conference, the Executive Council, or States Parties specialised advice in areas of science and technology relevant to the Convention; and

Having considered the Note by the Director-General (EC-57/DG.14 C-14/DG.5, dated 1 July 2009) on the extension of the terms of office of some members of the SAB for more efficient functioning of the SAB in the coming years;

Hereby:

Endorses the proposal of the Director-General, as an exceptional measure so as not to compromise the efficient functioning of the SAB, to

1. extend the terms of office of five members of the SAB, whose term will finish in 2010, for one year (their term will therefore end in 2011); and
2. extend the terms of office of another five members, whose term will finish in 2010, for two years (their term will therefore end in 2012); and

Decides that this exceptional measure shall expire in December 2012.

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