



DECISION

THE OPCW'S CONTRIBUTION TO GLOBAL ANTI-TERRORIST EFFORTS

The Executive Council,

Recalling the determination of the States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention for the sake of all mankind, to exclude completely the possibility of the use of chemical weapons, through the implementation of the provisions of this Convention, thereby complementing the obligations assumed under the Geneva Protocol of 1925;

Mindful of United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1368 (2001) and United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/56/1;

Recalling the statement by its Chairman on the terrorist attack which had taken place in the United States of America on 11 September 2001 (EC-XXVI/3, dated 28 September 2001);

Hereby

1. **Recognises** that the full and effective implementation of all provisions of the Convention is in itself a contribution to global anti-terrorist efforts;
2. **Stresses** that, at this stage, the contribution to global anti-terrorist efforts in the context of the Chemical Weapons Convention should focus on the following main areas:
 - (a) promotion of universal adherence to the Convention;
 - (b) full implementation of the legislative measures required by Article VII;
 - (c) full implementation of the provisions of Articles IV and V related to the destruction of chemical weapons;
 - (d) full implementation of the provisions of Article VI related to activities not prohibited by the Convention; and
 - (e) ability of the OPCW to respond to the assistance and protection provisions under Article X.

3. **Decides** to establish an open-ended working group, chaired by the Chairman of the Council, to examine further the OPCW's contribution to global anti-terrorist efforts, with a view to presenting a recommendation to its Twenty-Eighth Session, including specific measures, taking into account resource implications.

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