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DECISION

**REQUEST BY ALBANIA FOR EXTENSIONS OF THE
INTERMEDIATE DEADLINES FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ITS CATEGORY 1
CHEMICAL WEAPONS STOCKPILES**

The Conference of the States Parties,

Having considered the recommendation of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) at its Thirty-Seventh Session (EC-37/DEC.9, dated 1 July 2004) that the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”) at its Ninth Session grant Albania extensions of the intermediate deadlines for the destruction of its Category 1 chemical weapons stockpiles;

Hereby:

Grants, in principle, extensions of the intermediate phase 1, 2, and 3 deadlines for the destruction by Albania of 1%, 20%, and 45%, respectively, of its Category 1 chemical weapons stockpiles, on the understanding that:

- (a) such extensions shall not in any way modify Albania’s obligation to destroy all of its Category 1 chemical weapons no later than 10 years after the entry into force of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”);
- (b) Albania shall submit to the Council, as soon as possible but no later than 31 March 2005, detailed information supplementing the general plan for the destruction of its Category 1 chemical weapons stockpiles (EC-37/DG.10, dated 28 May 2004), including the proposal of specific dates for each of the above intermediate deadlines;
- (c) Albania will keep the Council informed, at each alternate regular session and with supporting documentation, of the status of its plans to implement this destruction obligation;
- (d) the Director-General will report periodically to the Council on the progress made by Albania in destroying its chemical weapons, in accordance with its obligation under the Convention; and



- (e) the Chairman of the Council, in the exercise of his competencies and in cooperation with the Director-General, will periodically report to the Council on these matters; and

Authorises the Council to establish specific dates for the 1%, 20%, and 45% deadlines, with a view to the Council's taking a decision at its next regular session following the submission of detailed information by Albania, pursuant to subparagraph (b) above, and its Chairman's reporting on the Council's actions to the Conference at its Tenth Session.

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