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### DECISION

#### APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR OF THE OPCW

**The Executive Council,**

**Recalling** that, according to Financial Regulation 13.1 of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, an External Auditor, who shall be the Auditor-General (or an officer holding an equivalent title) of a State Party, shall be appointed in the manner and for the period determined by the Conference of the States Parties (the Conference), and for a single period of not less than two years, but not exceeding six years;

**Recalling also** decision C-10/DEC.6 (dated 10 November 2005), in which the Conference confirmed that “in no case shall a single audit institution hold the position of External Auditor of the OPCW for more than six consecutive years”;

**Recalling further** that in decision C-10/DEC.6 the Conference also decided that “the period of office referred to in Financial Regulation 13.1 may also be made up of an initial term of three years, renewable for one subsequent term of up to three years”;

**Recalling further** decision C-27/DEC.6 (dated 28 November 2022), in which the Conference approved the procedure for the manner of appointment of the External Auditor of the OPCW as well as the selection criteria for the appointment;

**Noting** that, by the closing date for nominations, that is 31 March 2024, the Technical Secretariat had received nominations for the External Auditor of the OPCW from two States Parties; and

**Noting also** the report and recommendation of the Evaluation Panel for the Appointment of the External Auditor of the OPCW (EC-107/WP.1, dated 6 September 2024);

**Hereby:**

**Recommends** that the Conference at its Twenty-Ninth Session:

1. decide to appoint Girish Chandra Murmu, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, as External Auditor of the OPCW to audit the OPCW’s financial and administrative operations for a subsequent term of three years, for the financial years 2024 to 2026; and
2. decide also to appoint Isma Yatun, of the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia, as External Auditor of the OPCW to audit the OPCW’s financial and administrative operations for an initial term of three years, for the financial years 2027 to 2029.

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