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DECISION

DRAFT REVISED PROGRAMME AND BUDGET OF THE OPCW FOR 2025

The Executive Council,

Recalling that, according to Financial Regulation 3.3(b) of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, the Director-General shall prepare and submit to the Executive Council (the Council) in every first year of a programme biennium the draft revised programme and budget for the second year of the biennium;

Recalling also that, according to Financial Regulation 3.5 of the OPCW Financial Regulations and Rules, the Council shall consider and submit to the Conference of the States Parties (the Conference) the draft revised programme and budget for the second year of the biennium;

Recalling further the Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2024–2025 (C-28/DEC.9, dated 29 November 2023);

Considering the Draft Revised Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2025 (EC-107/DG.4, dated 2 July 2024 and Corr.1, dated 20 September 2024);

Mindful that a cash surplus of EUR 6,873,348 has arisen for the financial year ending 31 December 2022, principally from the receipt of assessed contributions after the year to which they related, as reported by the Director-General in the “Financial Statements of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and Report of the External Auditor for the Year Ending 31 December 2023” (EC-107/DG.12 C-29/DG.11, dated 27 August 2024); and

Recalling the recurring important capital equipment and infrastructure replacement requirements intended to be funded from the Major Capital Investment Fund which, in accordance with decision C-24/DEC.12 (dated 28 November 2019), is to be used for major capital investments for property, plant, equipment and intangible assets that are of a minimum value of EUR 50,000 in total capitalised cost,¹ as well as from the Special Fund for the OPCW Equipment Store and the Special Fund for Activities Related to Designated Laboratories and Laboratory Equipment, necessitating periodic and timely replenishment of these funds;

¹ See in particular subparagraph 12(b)(i) of C-24/DEC.12, the intention of which is to include submissions on an individual or group of significant investments of a durable nature.



Hereby:

I. General

1. **Recommends** that the Conference at its Twenty-Ninth Session:
 - (a) adopt the Draft Revised Programme and Budget of the OPCW for 2025 at the programme and subprogramme level;
 - (b) appropriate a total expenditure for 2025 of EUR 87,550,774, of which EUR 33,890,644 is for Chapter 1 related to verification costs; EUR 48,241,473 is for Chapter 2 related to administrative and other costs; EUR 3,000,000 is for the Special Fund for Cybersecurity, Business Continuity, and Physical Infrastructure Security; EUR 1,300,603 is for the Major Capital Investment Fund; EUR 805,000 is for the Special Fund for the OPCW Equipment Store; and EUR 313,054 is for the Special Fund for Activities Related to Designated Laboratories and Laboratory Equipment; and
 - (c) decide that the expenditure appropriated for 2025 shall be financed from:
 - (i) assessed annual contributions by all States Parties in the amount of EUR 80,016,754 in 2025, payable in accordance with a scale of assessments to be determined by the Conference in accordance with paragraph 7 of Article VIII of the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Convention);
 - (ii) cash surplus for 2022 in the amount of EUR 1,492,745 to be transferred to the OPCW General Fund to reduce assessed contribution requirements for 2025;
 - (iii) contributions from States Parties, estimated to amount to EUR 71,449 in 2025, to reimburse the costs of verification activities carried out in 2025 in accordance with Articles IV and V of the Convention;
 - (iv) interest and other income earned by the OPCW in 2025, estimated to amount to EUR 150,000;
 - (v) cash surplus for 2022 in the amount of EUR 3,000,000 to be transferred to the Special Fund for Cybersecurity, Business Continuity, and Physical Infrastructure Security;
 - (vi) cash surplus for 2022 in the amount of EUR 1,300,603 to be transferred to the Major Capital Investment Fund;
 - (vii) cash surplus for 2022 in the amount of EUR 805,000 to be transferred to the Special Fund for the OPCW Equipment Store;
 - (viii) cash surplus for 2022 in the amount of EUR 275,000 to be transferred to the Special Fund for Activities Related to Designated Laboratories and Laboratory Equipment; and
 - (ix) cash surplus for 2021 in the amount of EUR 38,054 already transferred to the Special Fund for Activities Related to Designated Laboratories and Laboratory Equipment, pursuant to decision C-28/DEC.9;

II. Use of the 2022 cash surplus

2. **Recommends also** that, with regard to the 2022 cash surplus, the Conference at its Twenty-Ninth Session:
- (a) approve, in accordance with Financial Regulation 6.9, the transfer of a portion of the 2022 cash surplus in the amount of EUR 1,300,603 to the Major Capital Investment Fund;
 - (b) approve also, in accordance with Financial Regulation 6.9, the transfer of a portion of the 2022 cash surplus in the amount of EUR 805,000 to the Special Fund for the OPCW Equipment Store;
 - (c) approve further, in accordance with Financial Regulation 6.9, the transfer of a portion of the 2022 cash surplus in the amount of EUR 275,000 to the Special Fund for Activities Related to Designated Laboratories and Laboratory Equipment;
 - (d) approve further, in accordance with Financial Regulation 6.9, the transfer of a portion of the 2022 cash surplus in the amount of EUR 3,000,000 to the Special Fund for Cybersecurity, Business Continuity, and Physical Infrastructure Security; and
 - (e) approve further the transfer of a portion of the 2022 cash surplus in the amount of EUR 1,492,745 to the OPCW General Fund for 2025.

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